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## Disaster Averted... For Now



From right: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), Sens. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Mary Landrieu (D-La.) at a news conference to announce the passage a spending deal on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Sept. 26, 2011. The Senate reached a bipartisan spending agreement on Monday to avert a government shutdown, sidestepping an impasse over disaster financing after federal authorities said they could most likely squeak though the rest of this week with the \$144 million they have on hand.

(Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Ending weeks of political brinkmanship, Congress finessed a dispute over disaster aid Monday night and advanced legislation to avoid a partial government shutdown only days away. The agreement ensured there would be no interruption in assistance to areas battered by disasters such as Hurricane Irene and last summer's tornados in Joplin, Mo., and also that the government would be able

to run normally when the new budget year begins on Saturday. The Senate approved the resolution after a day of behind-the-scenes talks and occasionally biting debate, spelling an end to the latest in a string of standoffs between Democrats and Republicans over deficits, spending and taxes. Those fights have rattled financial markets and coincided with polls showing congressional approval ratings at historically low levels. The breakthrough came

hours after the Federal Emergency Management Agency indicated it had enough money for disaster relief efforts through Friday. That disclosure allowed lawmakers to jettison a \$1 billion replenishment that had been included in the measure — and to crack the gridlock it had caused. The Democratic-controlled Senate approved the measure on a bipartisan vote of 79-12, sending it to the Republican-controlled House for a final sign-off.

There was no immediate comment from House GOP leaders, although their approval for the measure seemed a mere formality after the party's Senate leader agreed to it. "This compromise should satisfy Republicans...and it should satisfy Democrats," said Senate Majority leader Harry Reid, who added that Budget Director Jacob Lew had informed him that FEMA did not need any additional funding to meet its needs for the final few days

of the budget year. "It's a win for everyone," declared Reid, who had spent much of the past few weeks accusing Republicans of choosing to heed the wishes of tea party adherents rather than the needs of their own constituents battered by acts of nature. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said it was a "reasonable way to keep the government operational."

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# Shutdown averted; disaster aid dispute surmounted

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But he got in a final jab at Democrats, noting that the disaster funds sought by the Obama administration and its allies in Congress were now known to be unneeded.

"In my view, this entire fire drill was completely unnecessary," he said.

But not even the dispute-resolving agreement prevented Democrats from proceeding to a politically charged vote earlier in the evening that was designed to force Republicans to decide whether immediate aid to disaster victims or deficit concerns held a higher priority.

And the rhetoric was far harsher during the day on the Senate floor, when Mary Landrieu, D-La., unleashed an unusually personal attack on House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., saying the weeks-



**A piano chair hangs from the ceiling in the home of Martha Gordon as she looks through her home destroyed during the flood in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, in Wayne, N.J.** The chair, which was on top of a piano, was lodged into the ceiling when the Ramapo River crested sending floodwaters into the residence. Gordon, who has lived at the house for 50 years, says she has given up and will be tearing the house and moving to Maine. She has talked to FEMA, but doesn't expect any quick relief aid.

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

long controversy started when he said, "Before we can provide help we need to find offsets in the budget."

She called that "the Cantor doctrine" and said the controversy "could have been avoided if Cantor had just said, 'I'm sorry, but I made

a mistake.' But instead of saying that, he doubled down," she said.

Laena Fallon, a spokeswoman for Cantor, responded that the Virginia Republican had "never said the things she alleged, he has only suggested that we ought to provide disaster aid dollars to those who need them in a responsible way—something that she's voted to block despite the urgent need."

In fact, House Republicans insisted that any new disaster aid for the expiring budget year be offset by cuts elsewhere in the budget, a decision that Democrats seized on in hopes of reshaping the political terrain to their advantage.

Because the House is on a one-week break, it was not immediately clear how the legislation would be cleared for President Barack Obama's signature. Among the options are passage of a temporary

funding measure, to be passed in a brief session of the House planned for Thursday, that would keep government agencies in funds until lawmakers return on Oct. 4. The Senate approved the bill without objections.

Alternatively, GOP leaders could call the full House back into session this week for a vote.

Either way, the agreement assures funding until Nov. 18.

FEMA spokeswoman Rachel Racusen, said the agency had \$114 million left in its disaster relief fund, enough to last until Thursday or Friday, the final business day of the current budget year. She said the exact timing would depend on the number of emergency victims who apply for aid, and whether any new disasters occur.

FEMA officials had said previously the funds would run out early this week. □

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## China to scales back ties with US

MATTHEW LEE  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — China plans to cancel or postpone some U.S.-China military exchanges after Washington last week announced it would upgrade Taiwan's fleet of F-16 fighter jets, a senior U.S. official said.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met Monday with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, who urged the U.S. to reconsider the arms sale, warning it would undermine the trust and confidence between the two sides. China regards self-governing Taiwan as part of its territory and cut military ties with the U.S. for several months after the last major arms sale, including Black Hawk helicopters, announced in early 2010.

China's response this time has been more restrained, apparently because the U.S. did not agree to sell new F-16 plans that Taiwan also wants.

The U.S. is obligated under legislation passed by Congress in 1979 to supply Taiwan with weapons for its self-defense. The military balance across the 100-mile (160-kilometer) -wide Taiwan Strait has tipped heavily in the mainland's favor, as Beijing has ramped up defense spending in the past decade or more. □

## On Wall Street: Police face criticism over clash with protesters

JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN

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**NEW YORK** — When members of the loose protest movement known as Occupy Wall Street began a march from the financial district to Union Square on Saturday, the participants seemed relatively harmless, even as they were breaking the law by marching in the street without a permit. But to the New York Police Department, the protesters represented something else: a visible example of lawlessness akin to that which had resulted in destruction and violence at other anticapitalist demonstrations, like the Group of 20 economic summit in London in 2009 and the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle in 1999.

The Police Department's concerns met reality Saturday, when their efforts to maintain crowd control suddenly escalated: Protesters were corralled by police officers who hurriedly put up orange mesh netting; the police forcibly arrested some participants; and a deputy inspector used pepper spray on four women who were on the sidewalk, behind the orange netting.

The police's actions suggested the flip side of a police force trained to fight terrorism, in a city whose police commissioner acknowledges the owner-



People make their way to work through an encampment of protesters at Zuccotti Park in New York, Sept. 26, 2011. Demonstrations aimed at corporate greed continued in and around the financial district of Manhattan on Monday, entering into a second week.

(Robert Stolarik/The New York Times)

ship of a gun big enough to take down a plane, but that may appear less nimble in dealing with the likes of the Wall Street protesters. So even as the members of Occupy Wall Street seem unorganized and, at times, uninformed, their continued presence creates a vexing problem for the Police Department.

In recent weeks, police commanders have been discussing the riots in London this summer, and strategizing about how to stop a similar situation in New York, said Roy Richter, the president of the union in

New York that represents officers of captain and higher rank. And since August, investigators with the Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have monitored the online efforts of activists to bring demonstrations to Wall Street, people briefed on the matter said.

Nonetheless, the events of Saturday are certain to be examined, especially since so many protesters were recording the events with cameras; videos of the pepper spray incident, for example, offered views from several angles.

Paul J. Browne, the Police Department's chief spokesman, defended the use of pepper spray as appropriate and added that it was "used sparingly."

But Councilman Peter F. Vallone Jr., chairman of the City Council's Public Safety Committee, said that in the video clips he had seen, the use of pepper spray "didn't look good," although Vallone cautioned that he wanted to know if any interactions had occurred between the officers and the women in the minutes before pepper spray was used. □

# Threat of mandatory sentences gives prosecutors leverage

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**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** — After decades of new laws to toughen sentencing for criminals, prosecutors have gained greater leverage to extract guilty pleas from defendants and reduce the number of cases that go to trial, often by using the threat of more serious charges with mandatory sentences or other harsher penalties.

Some experts say the process has become coercive in many state and federal jurisdictions, forcing defendants to weigh their options based on the relative risks of facing a judge and jury rather than simple matters of guilt or innocence.

In effect, prosecutors are giving defendants more reasons to avoid having their day in court.

"We now have an incredible concentration of power in the hands of prosecutors," said Richard E. Myers II, a former assistant U.S. attorney who is now an associate professor of law at the University of North Carolina.

He said that so much influence now resides with prosecutors that "in the wrong hands, the criminal justice system can be held hostage."

One crucial, if unheralded,

effect of this shift is coming into sharper view, according to academics who study the issue. Growing prosecutorial power is a significant reason that the

count, fewer than one in 40 felony cases now makes it to trial, according to data from nine states that have published such records since the 1970s, when the

friend and threatening her with a knife, the prosecutor offered him a deal for two years in prison plus probation.

Guthrie rejected that, and

life imprisonment if Guthrie is convicted this year.

Because of a state law that increased punishments for people who had recently been in prison, like Guthrie, the sentence would be mandatory. So what he could have resolved for a two-year term could keep him locked up for 50 years or more.

The decrease in trials has also been a consequence of underfinanced public defense lawyers who can try only a handful of their cases, as well as, prosecutors say, the rise of drug courts and other alternative resolutions.

The overloaded court system has also seen comparatively little expansion in many places, making a huge increase in plea bargains a cheap and easy way to handle a near-tripling in felony cases over the past generation.

But many researchers say the most important force in driving down the trial rate has been state and federal legislative overhauls that imposed mandatory sentences and other harsher and more certain penalties for many felonies, especially those involving guns, drugs, violent crimes and repeat offenders. □



**Shane Guthrie at a pretrial hearing at a courtroom in the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center in Gainesville, Fla., July 26, 2011. Guthrie rejected two plea deals that would have given him limited prison time before the prosecutor filed a more serious charge that could lead to life imprisonment if he is convicted.**

*(Jason Henry/The New York Times)*

percentage of felony cases that go to trial has dropped sharply in many places. Plea bargains have been common for more than a century, but lately they have begun to put the trial system out of business in some courtrooms. By one

ratio was about one in 12. The decline has been even steeper in federal district courts.

Cases like Florida v. Shane Guthrie help explain why. After Guthrie, 24, was arrested here last year, accused of beating his girl-

a later offer of five years, because he believed that he was not guilty, his lawyer said. But the prosecutor's response was severe: He filed a more serious charge that would mean

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## Petitioning system goes to pot

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When the White House announced "We the People," an online system for petitioning the government, it no doubt hoped that it would become a high-minded way for citizens to interact with their political leaders.

And so, now that the system is live, how's that working?

More than 77,000 people

have signed petitions urging the Obama administration to legalize marijuana.

"Isn't it time to legalize and regulate marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol?" asks the top petition on the White House website. "If not,

please explain why you feel that the continued criminalization of cannabis will achieve the results in the future that it has never achieved in the past?" □

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# A 'diversity bake sale,' priced by race and sex

MALIA WOLLAN

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**BERKELEY, Calif.** — A bake sale sponsored by a Republican student group at the University of California, Berkeley, has incited anger and renewed the debate over affirmative action by asking students to pay different prices for pastry, depending on their race and sex.

Last week, the Berkeley College Republicans announced its "Increase Diversity Bake Sale," scheduled for Tuesday.

On Facebook, the group listed the price for a pastry at \$2 for white students, \$1.50 for Asian students, \$1 for Latinos, 75 cents for African-Americans and 25 cents for Native Americans. Women of all races were promised a 25-cent discount.

"Hope to see you all there! If you don't come, you're a racist!" the Facebook event page said. (It has since been taken down and replaced with milder text.)

"We expected people to be upset," the group's president, Shawn Lewis, 20, a third-year political science major, said Monday in a telephone interview. "Treating people differently based on the color of their skin is wrong, and we wanted people to be upset about that."

The bake sale was scheduled to protest a phone bank organized by the Associated Students of the University of California, the campus student government group, to ask students to call Gov. Jerry Brown and urge him to sign a Senate bill that would allow public universities to consider race, gender and ethnicity in admissions decisions.

In 1996, voters in the state passed a ballot initiative, known as Proposition 209, prohibiting affirmative action in admissions.

"The bake sale is a misguided attempt by the Berkeley College Republicans to make a political point about their opposition to a particular bill," said Gibor Basri, the university's vice



**Shawn Lewis, president of the Berkeley College Republicans, reads an article about the group on campus at the University of California, Berkeley, Sept. 26, 2011. A bake sale sponsored by the student group has incited anger and renewed the debate over affirmative action by asking students to pay different prices for their pastries depending on their race and sex.**

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

chancellor for equity and inclusion and a professor of astronomy. "A lot of students, especially students of color, read it as placing a higher value on white students."

In response to the bake sale, the Associated Students, which provides money to the Berkeley College Republicans and other political groups for events on campus, called an emergency meeting Sunday, leaders said.

It passed a resolution condemning discriminatory events on campus whether or not they are meant to be satirical.

Not long after the bake sale page went up on Facebook, hundreds of people posted comments expressing outrage over or support for the sale and affirmative action in general.

"Perhaps you should be charging women and Latinas double to better reflect the fact that we're being paid 78 cents and 59 cents to the white man's dollar," wrote Ally Wong.

Others worried more about the pastries. "The educational value of this exercise will be lost when Pocahontas walks away with a truckload of free cupcakes," wrote Mike Creamer. □



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## Proposed San Francisco law provokes naked ambitions

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**SAN FRANCISCO** — Perhaps it should not be a surprise that San Francisco does not have a law against being naked in public, nor that a small, unselfconscious segment of the city's residents regularly exercise that right. That tiny minority was joined this weekend in the autumn fog and cold by unclothed sympathizers at a "Nude-In." One of their objectives was to draw attention to a proposed law — introduced by Scott Wiener, a city supervisor — that would prohibit nudity in restaurants and require that unclad people put a towel or other material down before sitting bare-bottomed on benches or other public seats.

Wiener said the law was introduced in response to an increase in nakedness in parks, streets and restaurants.

"It used to be that there would be one nude guy wandering around the neighborhood and no one thought twice about it," said Wiener, who represents the city's Castro district. "Now it's a regular thing and much more obnoxious; we have guys sitting down naked in public without the common decency to put something down underneath them."

Wiener's effort was destined to grab headlines, but he probably did not anticipate that his legislation would inspire even more people to disrobe.

"Wiener might as well have shot lasers and fireworks into the sky announcing that public nudity is legal," said George Davis, 65.

A self-described "urban nudist" who once ran for mayor and often campaigned in the buff, Davis now spends most afternoons lounging in his birthday suit in a public plaza in the Castro. Putting a towel between your backside and your seat is "basic nud-

sons to be offended or annoyed." But since state law prohibits police officers from being the offended party, it takes a citizen's arrest — a rare occurrence in a city that prides itself on its open-mindedness and tolerance — to take a naked person into custody. Many of the

as the largest leather and fetish event in the world. The gathering attracts hundreds of thousands of people every year, many of them wearing black leather chaps and nothing else.

"In San Francisco, public nudity is a big part of a lot of social street events, and that's a good thing," Hightower said.

Businesses in the Castro are divided over the role that naked people play in the neighborhood's economic and cultural appeal. Despite receiving some complaints about nudity from business owners, Steve Adams, president of the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro, says he often sees tourists posing for photographs with the nudists.

"Nudity really doesn't impact business," said Adams, whose group represents about 300 businesses.

"In fact, it is kind of a draw for tourists. As long as the people who come to look spend money in the neighborhood, that's all I care about."

At the Nude-In, bystanders in sweaters and jackets circled the cluster of several dozen naked people, gawking and snapping photos with their smartphones. Two teenage girls posed with a man carrying a "Nude Is Not Lewd" sign and wearing nothing more than a white cowboy hat and a pair of worn leather boots.

"I brought my out-of-town guests here to show them an 'only-in-San Francisco' experience," said Maggie Cahill, 53, a technology manager at a bank who stood scrunching her nose at the scene with friends from Los Angeles. □



Bryan, a tourist from England, reviews pictures in his camera during a demonstration against a proposed law restricting nudity, in San Francisco. City residents, both clothed and not, held a "Nude In" on Saturday to draw attention to a bill — introduced by Scott Wiener, a city supervisor — that would prohibit nudity in restaurants and require that unclad people put a towel or other material down before sitting bare-bottomed on benches or other public seats.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

ist etiquette," said Davis, adding that the legislation requiring it was "totally unnecessary." Still, Davis said, the publicity about the proposed law could be credited for the new faces at the Nude-In, which was held Saturday at the Jane Warner Plaza in the Castro. Other nearby cities like Berkeley and San Jose have passed laws prohibiting public nudity, but in San Francisco it remains legal. In accordance with state law, public nudity is only illegal when accompanied by "lewd thoughts or acts" or "where there are present other per-

people who took part in the Nude-In said they already used towels when they sat down, and thought that Wiener's legislation was pointless. The event itself was originally organized not as a protest but as a curtain-raiser for the Folsom Street Fair, which spread over 13 city blocks Sunday. "This is about body acceptance, not politics," said the Nude-In's organizer, Mitch Hightower, 50, who runs a pay-for-view adult entertainment website. Nowhere is brazen public nudity more evident than at the Folsom Street Fair, which is billed

## Cuba seeks relations with US

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Associated Press

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**

— Cuba wants to re-establish relations with the United States with a focus on humanitarian and other issues, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said Monday. Rodriguez also called on President Barack Obama to release five Cubans serving U.S. espionage sentences, telling the opening of the new U.N. General Assembly that the continued imprisonment of the five men convicted of espionage in 2001 is "inhumane." The Cuban government refers to the five men as heroes who were gathering information about terrorist groups in the United States to protect their homeland. The foreign minister said the two countries had many points of understanding in common. "The Cuban government reiterates its willingness and interest to move toward the normalization of relations with the United States," Rodriguez said.

"Today I reiterate the proposal of beginning a dialogue aimed at solving bilateral problems, including humanitarian issues, as well as the offer of negotiating several cooperation agreements to combat drug-trafficking, terrorism, human smuggling, prevent natural disasters and protect the environment." □

# In North Dakota, wasted natural gas flickers against the sky

CLIFFORD KRAUSS

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**NEW TOWN, N.D.** — Across western North Dakota, hundreds of fires rise above the pastoral fields of wheat and sunflowers and bales of hay. At night, they illuminate the prairie skies like gi-

Every day, more than 100 million cubic feet of natural gas is flared this way — enough energy to heat half a million homes for a day.

The flared gas also spews at least 2 million tons of carbon dioxide into the

ulations that limit the flaring, more burning is also taking place in the Eagle Ford shale field in Texas, and some environmentalists and industry executives say that it could happen in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Ohio, too, as drilling expands in new fields there unlocked by techniques like hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling.

"North Dakota is not as bad as Kazakhstan, but this is not what you would expect a civilized, efficient society to do: to flare off a perfectly good product just because it's expensive to bring to market," said Michael E. Webber, associate director of the Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy at the University of Texas at Austin.

The oil companies say economic reality is driving the flaring in the Bakken, the biggest oil field discovered in the United States in four decades. They argue that they cannot afford to pay for pipelines and processing plants to capture and sell the gas until they actually drill oil wells and calculate how much gas will bubble out of the oil. And reinjection of the carbon dioxide, commonly done in conventional oil fields, is more difficult and expensive in less permeable shale fields.

"This field covers 15,000 square miles, so it takes time

**A ground flare burns gas at a well near Ray, N.D.**

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

ant fireflies.

They are not wildfires caused by lightning strikes or other acts of nature, but the deliberate burning of natural gas by oil companies rushing to extract oil from the Bakken shale field and take advantage of the high price of crude. The gas bubbles up alongside the far more valuable oil, and with less economic incentive to capture it, the drillers treat the gas as waste and simply burn it.

atmosphere every year, as much as 384,000 cars or a medium-size coal-fired power plant would emit, alarming some environmentalists.

All told, 30 percent of the natural gas produced in North Dakota is burned as waste. No other major domestic oil field currently flares close to that much, although the practice is still common in countries like Russia, Nigeria and Iran.

With few government reg-



**A ground flare burns gas in a field near Stanley, N.D., Sept. 3, 2011. About 30 percent of the natural gas produced in North Dakota is burned as waste, in an attempt by oil companies to rush the extraction of oil from the Bakken shale field and take advantage of the high price of crude.**

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)



to go and test what's there

and then build a gathering system and plant," said Harold G. Hamm, chief executive of Continental Resources, one of the biggest oil producers in the Bakken. The widespread flaring is a step backward for a domestic energy industry. Most U.S. oil and gas fields have well-developed facilities to gather and process

gas.

But the recent rise of shale drilling has changed the economic calculus. Natural gas prices have plunged since 2008 as vast shale fields laden with gas are tapped through hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling. Meanwhile, those same techniques have opened up other shale fields rich with oil. □

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## Italian lawyer calls Amanda Knox a 'she-devil'



Amanda Knox, center, is escorted to the Perugia court, Italy, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011. Amanda Knox can't sleep or eat properly as she waits to know if an appeals court in Italy will uphold or overturn her murder conviction, a friend of the jailed American student said. A verdict is expected in early October, capping an appeals trial that began almost a year ago. Knox was convicted of sexually assaulting and murdering Meredith Kercher, her British roommate in Perugia, and sentenced to 26 years in prison. Knox's boyfriend at the time of the 2007 murder, Raffaele Sollecito of Italy, was convicted of the same charges and sentenced to 25 years.

(AP Photo/Stefano Medici)

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Associated Press

**PERUGIA, Italy (AP)** — Italian lawyers have described Amanda Knox, the American student convicted of killing her British roommate, as a "she-devil" and a "witch" in an appeals court while calling her alleged victim a "beautiful girl in the prime of her life."

The court also saw gruesome photos of the semi-naked, bloodied body of Meredith Kercher on Monday as two lawyers made

closing arguments at the appeals trial of Knox and Raffaele Sollecito, her co-defendant and former boyfriend. Knox and Sollecito were convicted of sexually assaulting and murdering Kercher. Knox was sentenced to 26 years, Sollecito, an Italian, to 25. They deny wrongdoing and have appealed their convictions, which were issued by a lower court in 2009. "Who is Amanda Knox?" said attorney Carlo Pacelli. "Is she the mild-looking,

fresh-faced person you see here, or the one devoted to lust, drugs and alcohol that emerges from the court documents?" Pacelli represents Diya "Patrick" Lumumba, the owner of a bar in Perugia who, shortly after the 2007 murder, was unjustly accused by Knox of being the murderer. He was briefly jailed and then cleared. Lumumba is a civil plaintiff in the case, for in Italy civil portions of cases are heard at the same time as criminal content. □



Local officials watch as a giant Marikitna statue, the symbolic marker of Marikina city, east of Manila, Philippines, is unveiled during a ceremony to commemorate the wrath of typhoon Ketsana (local name Ondoy) which caused the worst flooding in decades of metropolitan Manila and killed more than 500 people exactly two years ago Monday Sept. 26, 2011. Also on Monday, the Philippines is bracing for a new typhoon Nesat, with winds of up to 133 miles (215 kilometers) per hour, which is forecast to make a landfall in northeastern part of the country Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

## Typhoon lashes Philippines, 1 dead, thousands flee

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Associated Press

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — A powerful typhoon slammed ashore the northern Philippines Tuesday, unleashing floods, cutting power and halting work in the capital, Manila. Authorities ordered more than 100,000 people to shelter from rains and wind gusts of up to 106 miles (170 kilometers) per hour.

At least one person — a baby — drowned and four fishermen were reported missing.

Typhoon Nesat made landfall before dawn over eastern mountainous Isabela and Aurora provinces which face the Pacific Ocean, packing sustained winds of 87 mph (140 kph), the government weather bureau said.

With its immense 400-mile (650-kilometer) cloud band, the typhoon threatened to foul weather across the entire main Luzon Island as it moves across the Philippines toward the South China Sea late Wednesday or early Thursday and then heads toward southern China.

Heavy downpours and wind prompted the closure of government offices, schools and universities in the capital, while scores of domestic flights were canceled and inter-island ferries grounded, stranding thousands. The Philippine Stock Exchange and U.S. Embassy were also closed Tuesday. □

## Attack on Kabul CIA office kills agency contractor



Members of a civil society burn a U.S. flag during a rally to condemn U.S. allegations that the military's spy agency helped militants attack American targets in Afghanistan, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011 in Multan, Pakistan. Relations between Washington and Islamabad are close to crisis point following fresh allegations last week by U.S. officials that Pakistani security forces are helping insurgents attack targets in Afghanistan, including the American embassy last week. Poster in background is Pakistan's Army Chief Gen. Ashfaq Pervez Kayani.

(AP Photo/Khalid Tanveer)

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

An Afghan working for the U.S. government killed a CIA contractor and wounded another American in an attack on the intelligence agency's office in Kabul, officials said Monday, making it the latest in a series of high-profile attacks this month on U.S. targets.

The incident marked the most recent in a growing number of attacks this year by Afghans working with international forces in the country. Some assailants have turned out to be Taliban sleeper agents, while others have been motivated by personal grievances. The assailant in Sunday evening's shooting was killed, and it was not yet clear if he acted alone or if he belonged to an insurgent group.

A U.S. official in Washington said the Afghan attacker was providing security to the CIA office and that the American who died was working as a contractor for the CIA. The official requested anonymity because he was speaking about intelligence matters.

The CIA declined to comment.

Gunfire was first heard some-

time after 8 p.m. local time around the former Ariana Hotel, a building that ex-U.S. intelligence officials said is the CIA station in Kabul. The spy agency occupied the heavily secured building, which is just blocks away from the Afghan presidential palace, in late 2001 after the U.S.-led invasion that toppled the Taliban.

The U.S. Embassy acknowledged that an Afghan employee of the complex carried out the attack.

"The motivation for the attack is still under investigation," the embassy said in a statement.

Embassy spokesman Gavin Sundwall declined to comment on what the targeted annex was used for, citing security reasons. Sundwall said the Afghan employee was not authorized to carry a weapon, and it was not clear how the man was able to get a gun into the secured compound. The embassy did not provide information on the American who was killed, and said the person wounded in the shooting was taken to a military hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. It said the embassy has "resumed business operations." □

## UN speech gives Abbas a stronger hand



Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.), left, speaks alongside fellow politicians Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), center, and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), at a news conference outside the U.N. headquarters during a bipartisan meeting of congressmen and Jewish community leaders to voice opposition to unilateral Palestinian statehood, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, in New York. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas formally submitted a request for a separate state at the 66th UN General Assembly on Friday, Sept. 23.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

IBRAHIM BARZAK

KARIN LAUB

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) —

President Mahmoud Abbas' surge of popularity following his bid for U.N. recognition for a Palestinian state is bound to give him a stronger hand against the rival Hamas group as they prepare to resume talks on a stalled power-sharing deal next week.

The Islamic militant rulers of Gaza have dismissed Abbas' recognition quest as futile. Still, they appear unnerved by his new image as a tough leader standing up to the Americans, suppressing shows of support for him. In one Gaza City cafe, Hamas security agents switched off a TV showing Abbas' speech to the U.N. General Assembly and detained the owner. Despite such tensions, the recent developments may mean future common ground.

Throughout the Palestinian areas, Abbas' decision to seek U.N. recognition of a state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem is being heralded as a major policy shift. For the first time, he is openly bypassing negotiations with Israel, defying the Obama adminis-

tration on a fundamental issue. This could also make it easier for Abbas and Hamas to find ways to work together and repair their rift.

The Islamists have long opposed negotiations, refusing to recognize Israel or renounce violence. Abbas, ardent in his rejection of violence, has preferred to establish a state through agreement.

But he and his aides say privately they see no possibility of striking such a deal with Israel's traditionally hard-line prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

On his weekend flight home from New York, Abbas hinted at the possibility of sounding out Hamas about a shared political vision, something he has not raised before.

"There will be deep talks with Hamas, not just about reconciliation, but also about the general horizon" of the Palestinians' future, he said.

For the past four years, the political rift and animosity between the two sides has run deep.

Hamas, shunned by much of the world, overran Gaza in 2007 after defeating Abbas loyalists in fighting and set up a rival govern-

ment to his internationally backed Palestinian Authority in the West Bank. Each side went after the other's supporters.

Repeated reconciliation attempts failed, in part because of opposition from the U.S. and Egypt, which had acted as a mediator but also wanted to rein in the Islamic militants on its doorstep.

After pro-Western Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was deposed in a popular uprising in February, Hamas and Abbas' Fatah movement reached an "reconciliation" agreement in principle to set up a joint interim government that would pave the way for general elections. The deal had many holes, and Abbas put implementation talks on hold as he prepared for the U.N. bid.

The talks are set to resume next week in Cairo, said Azzam al-Ahmed, the top Fatah negotiator.

He confirmed that his mandate is broader than before.

"We don't only want to discuss the terms of reconciliation," he said. "We want to include the Palestinian future ... and this is by recommendation from the president." □



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# Egypt backs treaty with Israel

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Associated Press

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — Egypt's foreign minister said Monday his country will always respect its landmark peace treaty with Israel and is seeking ways to strengthen its "strategic relationship" with the United States. Mohamed Amr's comments in an interview with The Associated Press come at a time of mounting concern about deteriorating Israeli-Egyptian relations and Washington's diminished influence on the Cairo government following the ouster of long-time President Hosni Mubarak in February. Amr appeared to backpedal on comments

last week by Egyptian Prime Minister Essam Sharaf, who said the 1979 treaty with Israel was not "sacred" and may be open to revisions in the future. His remarks triggered alarm bells in Israel, which saw its embassy in Cairo ransacked by rioters earlier this month following protests over the killing of six Egyptian border guards by Israeli soldiers pursuing Palestinians who had infiltrated and killed eight Israelis. Amr said relations between Egypt and Israel were governed by the U.S.-brokered peace agreement and that Cairo honored all its treaty commitments as long as the other party did the same "in letter and in spirit." Asked if Israel



An Egyptian wearing a head scarf walks in front of a lingerie shop in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011. Egypt's foreign minister said Monday his country will always respect its landmark peace treaty with Israel and is seeking ways to strengthen its "strategic relationship" with the United States.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

had run afoul of the spirit or letter of the 1979 agreement, Amr said: "No, I don't mean Israel in particular. I mean our agreements in

a question that this meant there is no chance the peace treaty would be abrogated or changed, adding, "We respect our obligations." Mubarak had largely kept the peace between his country and Israel despite popular resentment toward the U.S.-brokered Camp David accords, which included a framework for peace in the Middle East and another detailing the terms of peace between Egypt and Israel. The United States had a much closer relationship with Mubarak, and since his ouster the Obama administration has expressed concern about a "creeping" trend of anti-American sentiment in Egypt. □

# WHO: Iran, South Asia worst for city air pollution

FRANK JORDANS  
Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — Cities in Iran, India, Pakistan and the capital of Mongolia rank among the worst on the planet for air pollution, while those in the U.S. and Canada are among the best, according to the first global survey by the World Health Organization.

The southwest Iranian city of Ahvaz walked away with the unfortunate distinction of having the highest measured level of airborne particles smaller than 10 micrometers.

WHO released the list Monday to highlight the need to reduce outdoor air pollution, which is estimated

to cause 1.34 million premature deaths each year. The global body said investments to lower pollution levels quickly pay off due to lower disease rates and, therefore, lower healthcare costs.

The list, which relies on country-reported data over the past several years, measures the levels of airborne particles smaller than 10 micrometers — so-called PM10s — for almost 1,100 cities. WHO recommends an upper limit of 20 micrograms for PM10s, which can cause serious respiratory problems in humans. They are mostly sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide from power plants, auto exhausts

and industry. Ahvaz's annual average of PM10s was 372 micrograms per cubic meter. Heavy industry and low-quality vehicle fuel are the main causes of air pollution in this desert city of 1.3 million. The study found that the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator had an annual average PM10s density of 279 micrograms per cubic meter, followed by another west Iranian city, Sanandaj, with 254 micrograms.

Cities in Pakistan and India, such as Quetta and Kanpur, as well as Botswana's capital Gaborone, also ranked high on the pollution scale. Mohammad Hasan, 39, of Karachi, Pakistan, said attempts to improve air qual-

ity in the port city of 18 million — such as by replacing heavily polluting buses with vehicles using compressed natural gas — are being undermined by bigger polluters who are "playing havoc with the lives of Karachi populace."

"Industries and factories are emitting thick clouds of smoke, and no government agency is out there to check them or correct them," the bank employee said. WHO said the reasons for high pollution levels varied, but that often rapid industrialization and the use of poor quality fuels for transportation and electricity generation are to blame. In India, major metropolitan

areas such as New Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata have banned the construction of new power plants within city limits, and existing ones are being shut down or relocated.

But at the same time, a lack of public transport has led to an explosion of privately owned cars and SUVs as the economy booms, with the number of heavily polluting diesel vehicles increasing 10-fold as diesel is highly subsidized by the government. At the other end of the list are cities in Canada and the United States, which benefit from lower population density, favorable climates and stricter air pollution regulation. □



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## Sweating in Sudan, but on time in Chicago

PHILIPPE COUSTEAU JR

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I've been traveling all my life. It's part of my DNA, and in many ways defines me and the work of my family. Flying isn't the most eco-friendly thing in the world, so to offset it I always try do as much as I can in one place. I'm a stickler for frequent-flier programs, and am maniacal about which airline I fly so I can get my points.

But I'm not a diva. I usually pack my own lunch or dinner and then try and fall asleep while flying. That's because I never really know how I'm going to sleep when I get to where I'm going.

I recently traveled to the Arctic Circle to film a documentary. It was a hardcore trip, with a lot of legs. Once I was done with commercial flights, I had to fly in an old DC-3 that was outfitted with skis to get to the outpost where I was film-



Philippe Cousteau Jr., the son of Philippe Cousteau Sr. and grandson of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, the ocean explorers, in the Arctic Circle, in an undated handout photo. Cousteau Jr. is chief executive of EarthEcho International, a youth-focused environmental nonprofit group.

(Darren Bull/CNN via The New York Times)

ing. The outpost has nine people on it. It's one of the most remote northernmost outposts in the world.

When you land, the air-

plane turns around and immediately takes off. If something happens at the outpost and you need to get out, the plane can't land if the weather is bad, because the pilot can't see the horizon. The ice

and sky can be the exact same color. It's unnerving when you think about it, so I really tried not to.

I slept in two sleeping bags wearing four or five layers of clothing. It was ridiculously cold. The last night I was there, it was about 50 degrees below zero. The toilet was a bucket in an unheated shack, but the mess hall is heated to about 40 degrees.

When I flew back, I had a layover in Minneapolis. That flight was delayed. Who cared? There was food and heat, and I was pretty sure I wasn't going to die from the elements.

My trips help keep things in perspective, at least most of the time.

The worst flight I ever had was coming back to the States from Port Sudan. I was scheduled to fly to Washington, and have a day off before I left to give a speech about EarthEcho International to some potential donors in Chicago. I hadn't been home in a month and I was really

looking forward to that day off. But the baggage machine in Port Sudan broke while it was still attached to the airplane. I never saw anything like that. No one knew what to do since the machine wouldn't release from the plane.

I knew I was going to miss my connection in Khartoum, but I was able to contact my travel agent who, bless her, worked for a few hours to find me a way home.

I spent a total of four hours on the ground in Port Sudan in a hot airplane with no air conditioning. I finally flew to Khartoum, spent five hours there, then flew to Istanbul and spent six hours there before flying to Heathrow, where my bags were lost. I slept in that airport for about five hours before catching the first morning direct flight to Chicago.

I landed one hour before the event and went straight to the auditorium wearing the same clothes I had been wearing on the expedition. Let me be clear. □

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# Sharing burdens of living with AIDS

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**NKONDEDZI, Mozambique**

Rogerio Bernardo slung a black satchel over his shoulder and waited by the roadside in the morning mist for a bush taxi. In dusty wingtips, frayed pants and a gray pinstripe suit coat so big it swallowed his slender frame, he looked like any peasant farmer dressed up

vised by Dr. Tom Decroo, a Belgian physician working here in Tete province for the aid group Doctors Without Borders, was to organize patients into groups of six. They would then take turns making the monthly trip to pick up refills, cutting the number of times each had to go to town – to just two a year, from 12.

A two-year test of his brain-

cent of the other patients quit treatment or died.

"No one abandons treatment in the group," said Inocencio Alface, a talkative, slightly built farmer who has become Nkondedzi's champion for people with AIDS and leads one of the village's four patient groups. "We give each other courage."

On a recent morning, it was Bernardo's turn to go to town. Before he joined the group, if he was short of cash for taxi fare he needed to hike four hours through the bush to the district hospital in Zobue.

But as his group huddled against the chill, each member contributed 15 meticais, or about 50 cents, for taxi fare. They also counted out their leftover pills and noted the tally on their medical cards, so a clinician could tell whether they had taken the previous month's pills. Bernardo tucked the cards into his satchel.

As he watched the express taxi go by, waiting for a slower one to save 35 cents on the fare, village life floated past him through the mist – women balancing buckets on their heads, men on bicycles with jangling bells, schoolchildren carrying stalks of sugar cane as long as fishing poles.

When the bush taxi finally

arrived at 7:50 – it was just a pickup truck loaded with people and bags of charcoal – Bernardo clambered in for the 18-mile ride.

The study of this new approach also found that it profoundly lightened the load on the health professionals who are one of this poor country's scarce resources, sharply reducing their caseloads at public

a potential game changer for HIV."

Decroo acknowledged in an interview that the study design for his approach did not produce as high a quality of evidence as a randomized trial would. And Dr. Tim Farley, an AIDS expert with the World Health Organization who was not involved in the research, cautioned in an email that



Rogerio Bernardo, right, an AIDS patient, during a medical consultation to collect his medication in Zobue, Mozambique. In Mozambique, AIDS patients are using a simple new system to be sure they get their lifesaving antiretroviral drugs.

(Joao Pina/The New York Times)

for a trip to town.

In fact, Bernardo, who has AIDS, is in the vanguard of a promising new effort to reverse one of the most worrisome trends in treating the disease: the growing number of patients across Africa who fail to collect their lifesaving antiretroviral medicines.

The simple solution de-

storm here in Tete, comparing about 300 of these groups with patients who continued going alone, found that almost none of those in the groups stopped taking their medicines and only 2 percent died, according to results published in The Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes. By contrast, 20 per-

A patient holds her medication before taking her morning dosage in Nkondedzi, Mozambique.

(Joao Pina/The New York Times)

hospitals and clinics – and, health economists say, trimming the cost of treatment. "We went up there and were blown away," Dr. Kebba Jobarteh, who heads the HIV care and treatment program in Mozambique for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said after his visit to Tete. "We met five groups. They were amazing. This is

because the program was limited to clinically stable patients, the comparison with other patients might be skewed.

But Farley added, "Reducing the health-system burden from these patients is fantastic and allows the scarce clinical resources to be used for more complicated patients."

The shifting of responsibilities for AIDS treatment from doctors to nurses to community health workers and even patients has been necessitated by Africa's extreme shortage of medical professionals. Mozambique has only 2.7 doctors per 100,000 people, according to World Health Organization estimates; the United States has 100 times that. □

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animal sanctuary and rehabilitation center will host its popular Yeehah! Party. During these two days, visitors will have the chance to get up close and personal with the 52 different species of animals that call Philip's Animal Garden their home. They'll even have the chance to feed some of the animals. There will also be a number of special activities for the kids, free of charge, such as pony rides,

carriage rides, face painting, a bouncy castle and popular games. Also sure to be fun will be the horseback riding, but if you don't know how to ride a horse, don't worry, as classes will teach participants all about riding horses, from saddling them up to getting up and down from the horses. The entrance fee for the "Yeehah" party will be only 3 Florins per person, and all money raised during the

event will go to the care of the animals and the maintenance of the sanctuary, which is now bigger than it has ever been. Visitors will have a chance to win some great door prizes, including an iPod Touch and many more prizes and surprises. Naturally, the bar and kitchen will be well stocked and ready to serve any hungry or thirsty visitors. See you this weekend at Philip's Animal Garden! □

# Holiday Inn Resort celebrates Health Week



**PALM BEACH** - Each year Holiday Inn Resort Aruba celebrates a Healthy Week with its employees. This year this took place in the week of September 19 to the 23rd.

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Monday – in the afternoon, a lecture given by Dr. Casper Laclé, regarding the importance of eating healthy, eating right (with the emphasis on fruits and vegetables) and thus reducing your risk for developing many types of diseases.

Tuesday – in the afternoon,

Mr. Bert de Vries of Optica Oduber & Kan, provided an eye check up for all employees, including checking the eye pressure.

Wednesday – in the afternoon, representatives of the Mary Joan Foundation visited the hotel to give a Breast Cancer Awareness presentation.

Thursday – in the afternoon, Wit Gele Kruis, conducted a health check up. B.M.I. (Body Mass Index) was

checked, bloodpressure taken and also the employees the cholesterol, triclyceride level and glucose level were checked.

Friday morning, Miro Tromp, dental hygienist, gave a lecture about the importance of mouth hygiene and especially on how to prevent bad breath.

And Friday afternoon – employees participated in a health walk to round of the health week.□

## Sun & Moon Expressions at the Westin Aruba Art Gallery



**PALM BEACH** -- An exhibition of two local artist Jeanne Ecury and Harold Bronswinkel opened this weekend at the Westin Aruba Art Gallery curated by gallery-owners Jan en eefje van der Straten. Both artists have exhibited

before as solo painters and in a group, they even shared a previous art exhibition at Cas Di Cultura, a few years ago.

Inspired by the sun and the moon for color and content respectively, the artists share a common denomina-

nator. They are both bold and joyful colorists, expressionists who deliver feelings through layers of paint and the tension created between them, presenting the world from their own individual and subjective perspective, often distorting

reality in favor of the emotional effect of color and movement.

Aruba looks lovely through Jeanne's eyes, as the artist is clearly inspired by her island, its magnificent landscapes and abundant sunshine, flora and fauna. Har-

old is more of an abstract painter, who enjoys investigating the relationships between colors, away from the figurative world. The exhibition, evocative of moods or ideas, is open to the public in the lobby of the Westin.□



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**PALM BEACH** - Recently, the managers and supervisors of The Westin Resort, Aruba enjoyed a special day in honor of the nominees for Supervisor & Manager of the Quarter. An afternoon cocktail party at the resort was enjoyed by all, while nominated supervisors and managers were each applauded for exemplifying Westin Hotels & Resorts philosophy to "re-define efficient service with an effortless style and gracious attitude that ensures a truly unforgettable experience," and leading their employees and respective departments to do the same.

The winner for Supervisor of the Quarter was Johanita Croes from the Kitchen department. She was commended for her exemplary attitude and approach to all her responsibilities, and the pride she puts into her work. The Manager of



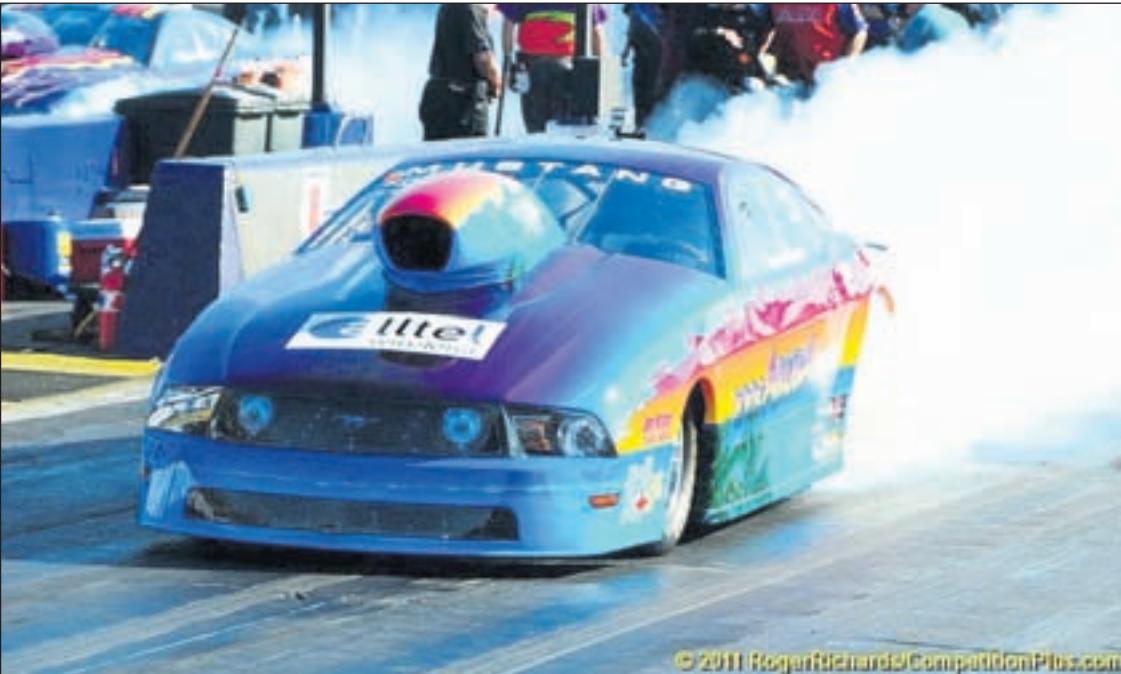
the Quarter was Monique Zaandam from Human Resources. Monique was praised for her calm and professional manner with associates and within her department. Her leadership in Human Resources and during training serves as an inspiration to everyone. □



# Eman hangs with impressive XPS field

**ORANJESTAD** - The Extreme Pro Stock class gave ADRL fans a taste of the best drag racing has to offer at this past weekend's Summit Racing Equipment Ohio Drags.

Despite losing two qualifying attempts due to contrary weather, the class was separated by a mere 66 thousandths of a second from number 1 (4.045) to number 16 (4.111) qualifier. Trevor Eman landed the Aruba.com/Alltel Mustang in the number 9 spot with a 4.096 at 176.86. In round one Eman sent Brian Gahm back to the trailer on a hole shot victory (4.147 to 4.143). Unfortunately for the gang from Aruba, they fell on the wrong side of the ladder and were paired with points leader Cary Goforth in round two. In round one, Goforth had backed up his 4.045 E.T. world record with a 4.069. Although



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Eman stayed consistent with a 4.141 and had Goforth on the light by nearly 2 hundredths, it just wasn't enough to take on Goforth's powerhouse numbers, as he posted another sub 4.10 run (.038, 4.141 to .054, 4.077).

"We had a good weekend and feel we have nothing to hang our heads about," told Eman. "Cary and his guys are making some incredible passes. I want to congratulate them on setting a new world record and then winning the

event. It is just a privilege to run with such an awesome group of racers. There's no denying that XPS is the toughest class to compete in. Even though we lost two qualifying sessions because of Friday's rainout, the class was incredibly tight."

"It was great to have Alltel with us again this weekend. We need more non-automotive sponsors in drag racing and it's good to see companies like Alltel take an interest in our sport and our team. They're a huge help to us and we were excited to have them out this weekend. "We are disappointed about not making the Battle for the Belts; I think we missed it by just one round. But, we are happy that Richie Stevens and the CarSafe guys were able to lock in the 8th position. They are great guys and we will be cheering them on in the Shootout."

"Now our focus is on the season finale. We want to make the last race of the season our best one. We will never stop working toward our first ADRL victory. I know it is right around the corner for our team." □

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# Vick's hand is bruised, not broken

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick walks away from the field after an NFL football game against the New York Giants on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, in Philadelphia. The Giants won 29-16.

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Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen smiles as he waves to fans before Chicago's baseball game against the Kansas City Royals in Chicago, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011.

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## White Sox let Guillen out of contract

CHICAGO (AP) — White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was released from his contract Monday night to pursue other opportunities. Guillen met with owner Jerry Reinsdorf for about 30 minutes earlier in the day. Guillen said he told Reinsdorf he would like to return, but only for a contract extension for more money. He had one year remaining on his current deal. "We certainly cannot thank Ozzie enough for all he has done during his eight seasons as manager of the Chicago White Sox, highlighted by an unforgettable 2005 World Series championship," Reinsdorf said in a release issued by the team following its 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I personally appreciate everything he has done for this organization, our fans and the city of Chicago. We shared the greatest moments together and wish him nothing but future success in baseball and in life." □

## THE RYDER STUFF



*Love and Olazábal like Medinah*

2012 European Ryder Cup Captain José María Olazábal, left, and United States Ryder Cup Captain Davis Love III with the Ryder Cup trophy after a press conference at Medinah Country Club on Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, in Medinah, Ill.

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# Love and Olazabal like what they see at Medinah

NANCY ARMOUR

AP National Writer

**MEDINAH, Illinois (AP)** — Ryder Cup captains Davis Love III and Jose Maria Olazabal liked what they saw at Medinah Country Club, including the shortened No. 15.

Rain kept Love and Olazabal from playing the famed No. 3 on Monday, as they marked the one-year countdown to next year's Ryder Cup. But they did get out to look at some holes, and said they don't envision many changes being needed.

"I cannot imagine a better host for this event," Olazabal said. "It's a traditional, tree-lined course, and I think the changes you've done to the 15th hole, I think last four holes are going to be very exciting for the matches in the year to come. ... The last four holes are perfect for match play. You have a combination of two tough holes, 16 and 18, and two exciting holes, 15 and 17."

Since the PGA Championship was at Medinah in 2006, No. 15 has been shortened 100 yards and is now a drivable par-4. A lake was



**2012 European Ryder Cup Captain Jose Maria Olazabal, left, United States Ryder Cup Captain Davis Love III and PGA of America President Allen Wronoski laugh during a press conference at Medinah Country Club Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, in Medinah, Ill.**

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also added on the right side of the fairway and green.

"I can see a lot of things going on in that hole, guys going for the green, guys being safe," Olazabal said. "With that little change on 15, those last few holes are going to be very, very interesting. That's what you need in match play. You have to have holes where

risk-reward can be part of it."

Europe has won six of the last eight Ryder Cups, including last year's dramatic finish in Wales. The Ryder Cup was decided by the final singles match for the first time since 1991 after the Americans rallied from a three-point deficit on the last day.

As the host, the Americans will get a say in how the course is set up for the Ryder Cup, to be played next Sept. 25-30. But Love said he doubts he'll need to have much input. Medinah has hosted three U.S. Opens (1949, 1975 and 1990) along with two PGA Championships (1999 and 2006). It also hosted the 1988 U.S. Senior

Open.

Set No. 3 up for the Ryder Cup as if it was a major championship, and Love said it will be fine.

"I don't think you have to do too much to this golf course," he said. "I don't know if there's a way for it to be an advantage one way or another. We're both going to have super-talented, long-hitting teams that make a lot of birdies. What's the most exciting thing to watch, for me, is making birdies rather than putting for pars. If I was setting up the PGA TOUR course, I would lean more toward birdies than putting for pars."

Though there were some criticisms about No. 3 earlier this summer — the new grass that was planted in the fall of 2009 was sparse — Medinah officials are confident the course will be in good shape next year.

All golf courses were challenged by the extreme weather this summer, said Curtis Tyrrell, Medinah's director of golf course operations. But No. 3 is only halfway through its growing timeline, and Tyrrell said it is in "excellent shape" now. □

## AP Source: NBA sides to meet again Tuesday

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — With one round of cancellations behind them and more significant ones looming without a new labor deal soon, representatives for NBA players and owners will meet Tuesday and perhaps Wednesday for talks aimed at ending the lockout.

The union has canceled a regional meeting with players Tuesday in Miami so its negotiators can meet with league officials in New York instead, a person familiar with the plans told The Associated Press on Monday on condition of anonymity because the details are supposed to remain confidential.

Both sides said after meeting last week they

hoped to talk again this week, but scheduling conflicts threatened to make that difficult. Union executive director Billy Hunter was supposed to travel to Miami on Monday to brief players Tuesday, and some members of both bargaining teams will be unavailable from Wednesday evening through Friday evening because of the Jewish holiday.

It's unclear who will take part in the talks, though the expectation is it will again be small groups. NBA Commissioner David Stern, Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver, Spurs owner Peter Holt, who leads the labor relations committee, and senior vice president and deputy general counsel

Dan Rube represented the NBA last week. Hunter, NBPA president Derek Fisher of the Lakers, attorney Ron Klempner and economist Kevin Murphy were on the union side.

The bargaining session, first reported by CBSSports.com, comes just days after the league postponed training camps and canceled all 43 preseason games scheduled for Oct. 9-15.

The remainder of preseason play would be in jeopardy without an agreement by early next week, and the Nov. 1 opening of the regular season could be scrapped by the middle of next month.

The slow pace of the negotiations has left players frustrated, but they insist



**This Aug. 31, 2011 file photo shows NBA Commissioner David Stern, right, and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver talking to the media after taking part in talks aimed at ending the NBA lockout, in New York. The long looks on players' faces and the anger in Silver's voice made it obvious: There was no progress Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011 in talks to end the NBA lockout.**

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still united with the lockout nearing the three-month mark.

"We support Billy 100 percent, we support D-Fish 100 percent," Knicks All-Star Carmelo Anthony said after an exhibition game Sunday in Philadelphia. "My main thing, we've

just got to stick together. As players, we're sticking together."

Yet he also didn't rule out decertification of the union, a tactic NFL players used during their battle with the league but one that Hunter and Fisher have continued to reject thus far. □

# Eagles' Vick softens his stance on officials

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick says he won't complain about not getting calls anymore.

The star quarterback blasted officials after injuring his right hand in Philadelphia's 29-16 loss to the New York Giants on Sunday, saying he takes too many late hits without getting the benefit of roughing-the-passer penalties.

"The refs have to do their jobs and they have tons of things to look over," Vick said Monday.

"I was kind of out of character and being too candid in that aspect. Ultimately, I have respect for the ref-

erees and their decision to make calls. You won't hear me complaining about it no more."

Vick bruised his right hand — the team initially said it was broken — after taking a hard shot from Chris Carty in the third quarter. His status for next Sunday's game against San Francisco is uncertain.

"At some point something catastrophic is going to happen," Vick said after the game. "Not to blame the refs or say that it was their fault, it's just one of those unfortunate situations and I just think more precautions should be taken when I'm inside the pocket. If you look at all the replays,

I'm on the ground every time and it's unfortunate for myself and it's unfortunate for my team and I'll be lying if I said I wasn't, if I were to sit here and say I wasn't frustrated right now because of that."

Carty defended the play. Replays showed his helmet hit Vick's facemask, though an official who helped Vick get up seemed to indicate that Carty hit him with his shoulder. "Obviously he has been a little banged up, and I can understand how he feels, but again it is his opinion," Carty said. I tried to make a concentrated effort to hit him legally.

He's a short guy and I'm not, so it's tough to get

## WNBA Roundup

# Lynx beat Mercury to reach first WNBA finals

PHOENIX (AP) — Taj McWilliams-Franklin had 21 points, six rebounds and seven assists to lead the Minnesota Lynx past the Phoenix Mercury 103-86 Sunday to advance to the WNBA finals for the first time.

Maya Moore had 21 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Minnesota, which needed three games to eliminate San Antonio in the first round before sweeping the Mercury in the Western Conference finals.

The Lynx await the winner of the Indiana-Atlanta series that will be decided on Tuesday night. The final series begins Oct. 2 in Minnesota, which had the league's best record in the regular season.

Diana Taurasi had 22 points for the Mercury, who were swept in the West finals by eventual champion Seattle a year ago.

\*Dream 94, Fever 77

At Atlanta, Iziane Castro Marques moved into Atlanta's starting lineup and scored a season-high 30 points as the Dream evened the Eastern Conference finals with Indiana. Angel McCoughtry had 27 points for Atlanta, which thrived in Game 2 with a small lineup made necessary when starting center Erika de Souza left to play for Brazil in an Olympics qualifying tournament in Colombia.

The deciding Game 3 in the best-of-three series will be played Tuesday at Indianapolis.

WNBA Most Valuable Players Tamika Catchings had only eight points, 7 below her average, before hurting her right foot and leaving with 4:54 remaining. Catchings suffered the injury when she landed on Alison



Minnesota Lynx's Candice Wiggins (11) is fouled as she goes up for a shot against Phoenix Mercury's Penny Taylor, left, of Australia, and Nakia Sanford during the fourth quarter of Game 2 of the WNBA basketball Western Conference finals on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, in Phoenix.

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Bales' foot when attempting to defend Bales' shot. Katie Douglas made five 3-pointers and led Indiana with 25 points. □



Philadelphia Eagles' Michael Vick, left, shows his hand to New York Giants' Eli Manning after an NFL football game on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, in Philadelphia. Vick left with a broken right hand in the fourth quarter and New York won 29-16.

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down there. We play hard and compete hard. It's unfortunate he got banged up. It is what it is. □



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## AL Roundup

## Ellsbury homers to save Boston's wild-card lead

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Red Sox salvaged their American League wild-card lead Sunday when Jacoby Ellsbury hit a three-run homer in the 14th inning of the nightcap of a day-night doubleheader, lifting Boston over the New York Yankees 7-4.

The Red Sox rallied from a 3-0 deficit to snap a four-game skid and head into their final series with a one-game lead over Tampa Bay.

Boston held a nine-game lead over the Rays entering play Sept. 4 but has gone 5-16 since. Up by 1½ games to start the day, the Red Sox nearly wasted that entire lead after losing the opener 6-2 despite Ells-



Boston Red Sox batter Jacoby Ellsbury, right, follows through on a three-run home run as New York Yankees catcher Austin Romine, left, looks on during the 14th inning of the second game of a baseball double-header, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Red Sox defeated the Yankees 7-4.

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bury's two homers.

Boston finishes in Baltimore, while Tampa Bay hosts the Yankees, who already have clinched the AL's best record and homefield advantage through the AL championship series.

Ellsbury homered off Scott Proctor (0-2) after a single and a walk.

Franklin Morales (1-1) pitched two innings for the win. Felix Doubront, recalled on Sept. 1, finished the 5-hour, 11-minute game for his first save since August 2010.

In the opener, A.J. Burnett (11-11) made his most impressive start in nearly three months and Jorge Posada hit a two-run homer for the Yankees. Ellsbury connected twice to become the first player in Red Sox history to reach 30 homers and 30 stolen bases in a season.

Tim Wakefield (7-8) dropped to 1-5 in his last 10 starts. Derek Jeter had three hits to lift his average to .300 at the end of the game for the first time since April 2.

**Rays 5, Blue Jays 2**

At St. Petersburg, Florida, B.J. Upton and Ben Zobrist homered in the first inning to back Wade Davis, (11-10) in Tampa Bay's win over Toronto. Evan Longoria and Kelly Shoppach also homered for the Rays, who have closed the gap with Boston despite going 14-10

in September. Joel Peralta finished for his sixth save in eight chances.

Tampa Bay closes at home against the Yankees, while the Red Sox play at Baltimore.

**Athletics 6, Angels 5**

At Anaheim, California, rookie closer Jordan Walden (5-3) wasted a 5-2 lead in the ninth inning, throwing away a potential game-ending grounder in Oakland's win over Los Angeles.

The defeat left the Angels 3 games behind Boston and two games back of Tampa Bay. But Josh Willingham homered leading off the ninth and, after a pair of singles, Walden threw Adam Rosales' comebacker past shortstop Erick Aybar and into center. Kurt Suzuki followed with a tying double, and Coco Crisp's second sacrifice fly put the A's ahead.

**Rangers 12, Mariners 5**

At Arlington, Texas, Yorvit Torrealba homered in consecutive innings, including a grand slam, after Derek Holland (16-5) pitched his scheduled five innings in a postseason tuneup.

Adrian Beltre and Ian Kinsler also homered for the Rangers, who matched a franchise record with their 52nd win at home.

Texas stayed a game ahead of Detroit for the second-best record in the AL and homefield advantage in the first round. Charlie Furbush (4-10) was the loser.

**Tigers 10, Orioles 6**

At Detroit, Miguel Cabrera homered and singled to raise his average to .341 in his push for the AL batting title, then left because of lightheadedness as Detroit downed Baltimore.

Brad Penny (11-11) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings for the win.

Brian Matusz (1-9) gave up six runs and seven hits in five innings. Assuming he doesn't pitch again this year, Matusz will finish with a 10.69 ERA, a record high for a pitcher with at least 40 innings in a season, according to STATS. □



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## Sharapova beats Tanasugarn in Tokyo opener

JACK GALLAGHER  
Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Maria Sharapova defeated Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand 6-2, 7-5 in the second round of the rain-hit Pan Pacific Open on Monday. After taking the first set in 30 minutes behind a blistering forehand, the second-seeded Russian quickly went up 3-0 in the second set before faltering. Tanasugarn suddenly came to life, breaking Sharapova in the fourth game, and winning five of the next seven games to make it 5-5. Sharapova dug deep in the 11th game, however, breaking again and then closing out the match with an ace to finish the contest in 1 hour, 31 minutes at

a covered Ariake Colosseum.

"I served really well today," Sharapova said.

"It was important for me to serve well because she reads the ball really well. "I had a bit of letdown in the second set. She started playing really well. I was glad I was able to come back and win it in two sets." Playing in her first tournament in Japan since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, Sharapova said she and her fellow competitors were happy to support the event.

"The commitment the players have shown is incredible," she said.

"With nearly a full draw, I think the players have shown their dedication (to

this event)."

The annual WTA Tour tournament is normally an outdoor event, but rain in the late morning forced the closure of the roof over the main court and suspension of play on the outdoor courts.

Also, seventh-seeded Marion Bartoli of France defeated Ayumi Morita of Japan 6-3, 0-6, 6-3 and eighth-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia beat Barbora Zahlavova Strycova of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-2.

Bartoli prevailed in a baseline battle despite a second-set whitewash. She overpowered Morita with a strong backhand in a final set that saw breaks of serve in the first three games.

Morita committed several



Maria Sharapova of Russia returns a ball to Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand during their second round match of the Japan Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011.

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unforced errors in the third set, ultimately leading to her defeat. Serving to stay

in the match, Morita staved off four match points before finally succumbing.

Qualifier Mandy Minella of Luxembourg rallied to beat Japanese veteran Kimiko Date-Krumm 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 and 12th-seeded Ana Ivanovic of Serbia defeated qualifier Anastasia Rodionova of Australia 6-4, 6-0.

Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark, the top-seeded player in the \$2,000,000 tournament,

has a first-round bye and will meet the winner of the match between Rebecca Marino of Canada and Jarmila Gajdosova of Australia on Tuesday.

U.S. Open champion Samantha Stosur of Australia also has a first-round bye.

She will take on either Maria Kirilenko of Russia or Erika Sema of Japan on Tuesday. □

## Bans for Columbus' Wisniewski and Wild's Staubitz

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The NHL came down hard Monday on a pair of players for illegal hits in a game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Minnesota Wild.

Blue Jackets defenseman James Wisniewski was suspended for the rest of the preseason and the first eight regular-season games for a right-arm blow to the head of Wild forward Cal Clutterbuck after the horn sounded at the end of regulation in Friday's game.

Wild forward Brad Staubitz was suspended the rest of the preseason and the first three regular-season games for an illegal check from behind that sent Co-

lumbus' Cody Bass into the glass.

Wisniewski will also forfeit \$536,585.36 in salary, an amount determined because he is classified as a repeat offender. Last season, while playing for the New York Islanders, he was suspended for two games because of an obscene gesture he made toward Sean Avery during a game. Two seasons ago, while playing for Anaheim, he was docked eight games for knocking Brent Seabrook out of a game.

Wisniewski, who signed a six-year, \$33 million contract with the Blue Jackets on July 1, was assessed a

minor penalty for his illegal hit. He will be eligible to return for Columbus' Oct. 25 game against Detroit.

"I found out about it between periods. It was a tough one to swallow," Columbus coach Scott Arniel said after the Blue Jackets' game at Washington. "Obviously, the league has a mandate, and they're trying to really set a tone here early on in the season, and it was harsh. It was very harsh."

"It was a lot harsher than I was expecting, but there's not much we can do about it. We've got to move forward — they've made their decision. We've already

put our best foot forward when it came to our side of the story, and obviously the league felt that, being a repeat offender, a blow to the head, that was the call that needed to be made."

Staubitz, who was given a major penalty and game misconduct for his check on Bass, will lose \$9,324.33 in the punishments handed out by Brendan Shanahan, the league's new senior vice president of player safety.

Staubitz will be eligible to return Oct. 13 when the Wild host Edmonton.

"You've just got to be conscious all the time of what you're doing. It's tough. □

**Study:**

# Dads less likely to die of heart problems

**MARILYNN MARCHIONE****AP Medical Writer**

Fatherhood may be a kick in the old testosterone, but it may also help keep a man alive. New research suggests that dads are a little less likely to die of heart-related problems than childless men are.

The study — by the AARP, the government and several universities — is the largest ever on male fertility and mortality, involving nearly 138,000 men. Although a study like this can't prove that fatherhood and mortality are related, there are plenty of reasons to think they might be, several heart disease experts said.

Marriage, having lots of friends and even having a dog can lower the chance of heart problems and cardiac-related deaths, previous research suggests. Similarly, kids might help take care of you or give you a reason to take better care of yourself.

Also, it takes reasonably good genes to father a child. An inability to do



**A father and son head for their fishing hole at Muddy Run Recreation Park in southern Lancaster County, Pa. New research suggests that dads are less likely to die of heart-related problems than childless men are. The study by AARP, the government and several universities is the largest ever look at men, fertility and mortality.**

**(AP Photo/Intelligencer Journal, Marty Heisey)**

so might mean a genetic weakness that can spell heart trouble down the road.

"There is emerging evidence that male infertility is a window into a man's later health," said Dr. Mi-

chael Eisenberg, a Stanford University urologist and fertility specialist who led the study. "Maybe it's telling us that something else is involved in their inability to have kids."

The study was published

online Monday by the journal *Human Reproduction*.

Last week, a study by other researchers of 600 men in the Philippines found that testosterone, the main male hormone, drops after a man becomes a dad. Men who started out with higher levels of it were more likely to become fathers, suggesting that low levels might reflect an underlying health issue that prevents reproduction, Eisenberg said.

In general, higher levels of testosterone are better, but too much or too little can cause HDL, or "good cholesterol," to fall — a key heart disease risk factor, said Dr. Robert Eckel, past president of the American Heart Association and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado, Denver.

"This is a hot topic," Eckel said. "I like this study because I have five children," he joked, but he said many factors such as job stress affect heart risks and the decision to have children.

Researchers admit they

couldn't measure factors like stress, but they said they did their best to account for the ones they could. They started with more than 500,000 AARP members age 50 and over who filled out periodic surveys starting in the 1990s for a long-running research project sponsored by the National Cancer Institute.

For this study, researchers excluded men who had never been married so they could focus on those most likely to have the intent and opportunity to father a child. Men with cancer or heart disease also were excluded to compare just men who were healthy when the study began.

Of the remaining 137,903 men, 92 percent were fathers and half had three or more children. After an average of 10 years of follow-up, about 10 percent had died. Researchers calculated death rates according to the number of children, and adjusted for differences in smoking, weight, age, household income and other factors. □

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## Islamic healing is on the rise in Southeast Asia

**DENIS D. GRAY****Associated Press****JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**

— A 47-year-old housewife who recently started using Islamic alternative cures emerged tearfully from an exorcism, speaking of newfound tranquility after a turbulent time in her life. Also, her abdominal pains are finally easing.

Suratmi, who suffers from an ovarian cyst, has been taking a mix of herbal treatments harking back to the dawn of Islam, as well as undergoing exorcisms at a clinic in Jakarta.

She is among a growing number of Muslims in Southeast Asia turning away from Western medical care in favor of al-Tibb al-Nawabi, or Medicine of the Prophet, a loosely defined discipline

based on the Quran and other Islamic texts and traditional remedies.

"I heard that so many people have been healed, so I hope Allah can help me. I followed His path here," said Suratmi, who like many Indonesians goes by one name.

The trend in Islamic treatments, cosmetics and toiletries is often associated with fundamentalists who charge that Western, chemically laced prescriptions aim to poison Muslims or defile them with insulin and other medicines made from pigs. Members of terrorist groups have been involved in Islamic remedies as healers and sellers, while some clinics are used as recruiting grounds for Islamist causes. □



**Dr. Ishak Mas'ud.**  
**(AP Photo/Vincent Thian)**  
But the bulk of those seeking out Islamic clinics, hospitals and pharmacies appear to be moderate Muslims, reflecting a rise in Islamic consciousness worldwide. □

# Pentagon extends program to defend cyber networks

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — As hackers and hostile nations launch increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks against U.S. defense contractors, the Pentagon is extending a pilot program to help protect its prime suppliers.

That program could possibly serve as a model for other government agencies. It is being evaluated by the Department of Homeland Security, as part of a potential effort to extend similar protections to power plants, the electric grid and other critical infrastructure.

Efforts to better harden the networks of defense contractors come as Pentagon analysts investigate a growing number of cases involving the mishandling or removal of classified data from military and corporate systems. Intrusions into defense networks are now close to 30 percent of the Pentagon's Cyber Crime Center's workload, according to senior defense officials. And they say it continues to increase.

The Pentagon's pilot program represents a key breakthrough in the



Computer forensic examiner Brian Coleman works on several hard drives association with a crime, at the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center in Lethbridge, Canada, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011.

Associated Press

Obama administration's push to make critical networks more secure by sharing intelligence with the private sector and helping companies better protect their systems. In many cases, particularly for defense contractors, the corporate systems carry data tied to sensitive U.S. government programs and weapons. So far, the trial program involves at least 20 defense companies. It will be ex-

tended through mid-November, amid ongoing discussions about how to expand it to more companies and subcontractors.

"The results this far are very promising," said William Lynn, the deputy secretary of defense who launched the program in May.

Lynn, who will leave office in early October, said the government should move as quickly as possible to expand the protections to

other vital sectors. A senior DHS official said no decisions have been made, but any effort to extend the program — including to critical infrastructure — faces a number of challenges.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the program review is ongoing, said it would be helpful if Congress would pass legislation that explicitly says DHS is responsible

for helping private sector companies protect themselves against cyberattack. Also, the legislation should say that companies can be protected from certain privacy and other laws in order to share information with the government for cybersecurity purposes, the official said.

Senior U.S. leaders have been blunt about the escalating dangers of a cyberattack, and have struggled to improve the security of federal networks while also encouraging the public and corporate America to do the same.

"Cyber actually can bring us to our knees," said Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, adding that at some point the Pentagon may need to develop some type of governing structure similar to how the U.S. and allies monitor and limit nuclear weapons.

Data compiled by the Defense Cyber Crime Center shows that the number of investigations handled by analysts there has more than tripled over the past 10 years.

And a growing number of them involve defense contractors — including those participating in the pilot program.

Housed near Fort Meade, Maryland, the so-called DC3 employs about 100 digital examiners who sift through millions of bytes of data in the digital forensics lab. Stacks of hard drives line the shelves, and clear plastic evidence bags are filled with a vast expanse of computer technology — from cell phones and tiny flash drives to iPads, Wii consoles and Nintendo games.

The analysts dissect intrusions, malware and other attacks that have breached or tried to burrow into the defense contractors' computer systems. And while those investigations are just a small fraction of the lab's work, the number has grown steadily over the past three years. The caseload includes about 100 in the past year that involve the defense industrial base. □

## Samsung seeks iPhone, iPad sale ban in Dutch court

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — Samsung asked a Dutch court Monday to slap an injunction on Apple Inc. to prevent it from selling iPhones and iPad tablets in the Netherlands, saying Apple does not have licenses to use 3G mobile technology in the devices.

The legal battle is the latest round in a series of claims and counterclaims of patent breaches by the rival technology heavyweights playing out in courtrooms around the world.

Samsung Electronics Co. lawyer Bas Berghuis told a civil judge at The Hague District Court that Apple "never bothered to ask about licenses" before it started selling 3G-enabled iPhones that use the Universal Mobile Telecommunications Standard commonly known by the acronym UMTS. Apple lawyer Rutger Kleemans hit back by claiming Samsung was using the patent dispute to "hold Apple hostage" because Apple had accused Samsung of copying

its iPhone and iPad designs.

"It's a holdup," Kleemans said. "Because Apple dared to take action against Samsung's copycat tactics."

Kleemans urged the court to reject the injunction request, saying the patents involved "are not designed to be used as a weapon against Apple."

Apple argues that because UMTS technology has been adopted as the industry standard for mobile telecommunications, Samsung is under a legal obligation to offer licenses for patents that underpin the standard on "fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory" terms. Apple's legal team said the company is prepared to meet such terms, but accused Samsung of making an "exorbitant" initial offer in license negotiations.

Winfred Knibbeler, another of Apple's lawyers, said an injunction could have far-reaching consequences for the entire mobile telecoms industry by boosting the power of Samsung to exploit its UMTS patents. □



A woman passes by the banner of Samsung Electronics' new smart phones Galaxy S II LTE, left, which features the 4.5-inch Super Amoled Plus screen and runs on the Android 2.3, and Galaxy S II HD LTE, which features the 4.65 HD Super Amoled screen and runs on the Android 2.3, during its unveiling ceremony in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011.

Associated Press

## Stocks jump on hopes for world markets; Dow up 272

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FRANCESCA LEVY  
AP Business Writers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks had their biggest gains in more than two weeks Monday after European officials vowed to take action to resolve the region's debt problems. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 272 points, making up about a third of last week's losses.

Financial officials met in Washington this weekend and pledged to take bolder steps to fight Europe's debt crisis, which threatens to slow the global economy. President Barack Obama called on European leaders to move more quickly to address the crisis.

German leaders want banks and private institutions that hold Greek bonds to take a bigger loss on those holdings to reduce Greece's debt burden. European officials have talked about increasing the size of Europe's \$595 billion rescue fund by allowing it to take loans from the European Central Bank. Pressure is also mounting for the central bank to lower interest rates.

"The news leaking out of Europe is giving investors hope that the politicians and central bankers in Europe might be putting together a plan," said Channing Smith, managing director of Capital Advisors Inc. "The devil's in the details."

The Dow Jones industrial av-

erage shot up 272.38 points, or 2.5 percent, to close at 11,043.86. It was the biggest gain since Sept. 7. JPMorgan Chase & Co. jumped 7 percent to \$31.65, the most of the 30 stocks in the Dow. The Standard & Poor's 500

built that a resolution could be on the way. Huntington Bancshares Inc. rose 8.3 percent, SunTrust banks Inc. rose 8 percent.

Berkshire Hathaway's Class B shares rose 8.6 percent after the company an-

up or down more than 200 points a total of 16 times. There were only four swings of 200 points or more in the other seven months of 2011. President Barack Obama said in a town hall meeting that Europe's financial crisis "is scaring the world" and that the actions the region's leaders have taken so far "haven't been as quick as they need to be."

Greece is at risk of defaulting on its debt next month if it does not receive the next installment of a bailout package.

If that happens, banks that hold Greek bonds would lose money.

Analysts also worry that the economies in Europe and the U.S. could slip into another recession.

News that sales of new homes in the U.S. fell to a six-month low briefly sent indexes lower in morning trading, but by midday Eastern the Dow and S&P were higher.

Boeing Co. rose 4.2 percent after the company delivered its first 787 aircraft to Japan's All Nippon Airways. An analyst said the company's earnings should rise for the next few years if the aircraft maker is able to maintain steady production.

Clorox Co. fell 4.3 percent after Carl Icahn withdrew his proposal for a new slate of directors. That suggested the activist investor was unable to find a buyer for the consumer products company. □



A woman walks past an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo, Monday, Sept 26, 2011. US Stocks had their biggest gains in more than two weeks Monday after European officials vowed to take action to resolve the region's debt problems. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 272 points, making up about a third of last week's losses.

(AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

rose 26.52, or 2.3 percent, to 1,162.95. The Nasdaq composite rose 33.46, or 1.4 percent, to 2,516.69.

About three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. All 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 rose.

Financial stocks had the biggest gains in the S&P 500, rising 4.4 percent. Banks have the most to lose if Europe's debt crisis gets worse, so investors picked up those stocks as hopes

nounced a plan to repurchase stock for the first since Warren Buffett took control in 1965.

Investors have been on edge about Europe's debt problems for months. The Dow plunged 6.4 percent last week, its biggest drop since the week ended Oct. 10, 2008 at the height of the financial crisis.

The market's volatility has made many investors nervous. Since the first week of August, the Dow has closed



Burnt euro notes, burnt because they were unusable for various reasons, are displayed in the money museum of German Bundesbank in Frankfurt, Germany, with the German word "Ungültig" or invalid cut into them

(AP Photo/Michael Probst)

## Dollar turns lower Monday against euro

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The dollar turned lower against the euro Monday as investors evaluated published reports that European officials are working on a plan to help resolve the region's debt crisis.

The plan, reported by British newspapers, is said to include a possible Greek default, a recapitalization of banks and an increase to the bailout fund. The reports said the plan would try to stop the crisis from spreading to other countries.

Global stock markets rose Monday on the hope that officials may do more to contain the debt crisis, though some eurozone officials tried to reduce expectations, saying a quick fix is not likely. □

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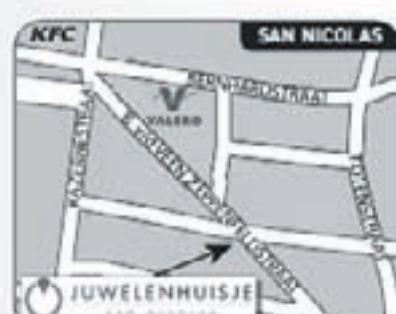
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## Deloitte sued in fraud case

**CURT ANDERSON**  
**AP Legal Affairs Writer**

**MIAMI (AP)** — A pair of lawsuits filed Monday claim that Deloitte & Touche LLP, one of the largest U.S. ac-



counting firms, should pay \$7.6 billion in damages for failing through years of audits to detect massive fraud at a now-defunct Florida mortgage company.

"They certainly did not do their job," said attorney Steven Thomas, who represents those suing Deloitte. "This is one of those cases where the red flags are staring you in the face, and you've got to do a lot, and they did not." Deloitte spokesman Jonathan Gandal responded that the company rejects the claims, calling them "utterly without merit."

The lawsuits were filed in Miami-Dade Circuit Court on behalf of the bankruptcy trustee for the fraudulent

mortgage firm, Taylor Bean & Whitaker, and by Ocala Funding LLC, a company that purchased hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of mortgages from Taylor Bean.

The bankruptcy trustee is attempting to recover money for Taylor Bean creditors.

The fraud began in 2002 and took multiple forms until Taylor Bean collapsed two years ago.

The Ocala-based company shut down after federal agents raided its headquarters in August 2009, which led to the failure of Alabama-based Colonial Bank — the sixth-largest bank failure in U.S. history. At its peak, Taylor Bean had about 2,500 employees and had originated some \$30 billion in loans as of 2009.

Seven Taylor Bean executives were convicted of federal criminal charges, including former chairman Lee B. Farkas, who was sentenced in June to 30 years in federal prison. Federal prosecutors called the criminal case one of the most significant to arise out of the nation's financial meltdown. □

## Home-buying season is worst in at least 50 years

**DEREK KRAVITZ**  
**AP Real Estate Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. home-buying season was a bust.

March through August are typically the peak buying months. But this time, Americans bought fewer new homes in that stretch than in any other six-month period since record-keeping began a half-century ago.

And sales of previously occupied homes didn't fare much better. They nearly matched 2009's total for the peak buying months. And that was the worst since 1997.

Combined, total sales this spring and summer were the weakest on records dating to 1963. The figures underscore how badly the housing market is faring and suggest that a recovery is years away.

Because the economy is barely growing and unemployment exceeds 9 percent, many people see a home purchase as too big a risk. Some worry about losing their jobs. Others

can't afford the 20 percent down payment that most lenders now require.

Not even shrunken home prices and the lowest mortgage rates in six decades are convincing

Plunging stock prices and renewed recession fears have led many economists to push back expectations for a housing recovery. Chen expects prices to bottom at the start of 2012.



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would-be buyers.

"The job engine has really sputtered out, and without jobs, Americans really can't purchase homes," said Celia Chen, a housing economist at Moody's Analytics.

And she doesn't expect sales and prices to make a healthy recovery until 2015 at the earliest. In hard-hit areas such as California and Florida, it could take decades for prices to return to normal, she said. □

## Gold slumps 2 percent, ends below \$1,600 an ounce

**CHRISTOPHER LEONARD**  
**AP Business Writer**

Gold prices sank Monday, sending the metal below \$1,600 an ounce for the first time since July.

Gold slumped \$45, or 2 percent, to close at \$1,594.80. Silver dropped 0.4 percent to end at \$29.976 an ounce.

Gold plunged 9.6 percent last week, following the stock market lower. Silver also lost 10.7 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 6.4 percent that week, the biggest drop since October 2008 at the height of the financial crisis.

Precious metal prices continued to fall Monday even as the Dow gained 2.5 percent. Stocks rose on optimism that European finance ministers might soon take action to stem the debt crisis there. The slump

has marked a sudden turnaround for gold contracts, which were trading for \$1,859.50 an ounce earlier this month.

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Part of the reason gold and silver prices continued their slide is that investment managers are selling off metals

contracts to offset some of the losses in their stock portfolios, said George Gero, precious metals strategist at RBC Capital Markets.

Gero said. That means traders can reap profits from selling gold contracts to offset losses in the stock market. Even after its recent plunge, gold is still up 26 percent from this time last year. Silver is up 44 percent. Over the same time period the S&P 500 index is up just 1.2 percent.

"They have to sell gold as one of their best performers," Gero said. "We've been seeing deterioration (in the gold market) since the middle of August, when you started seeing these very volatile days in the stock markets."

December silver fell 12.5 cents, or 0.4 percent, to end at \$29.976 an ounce. Silver had fallen much more during midday trading, dropping below \$28 an ounce before rallying in the afternoon.

December copper gained 0.3 cents, or less than 1 percent, to finish at \$3.283 per pound and October platinum fell \$66.30, or 4 percent, to \$1,546.90 an ounce. December palladium fell \$15.10, or 2.4 percent, to \$627.40 an ounce. In other trading, benchmark oil gained 39 cents to finish at \$80.24 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Heating oil fell 0.29 cents to \$2.803 per gallon, gasoline futures rose 0.4 cents to \$2.5284 per gallon and natural gas fell 8.1 cents to finish at \$3.782 per 1,000 cubic feet.

September wheat gained 7.5 cents to end at \$6.4825 per bushel, corn rose 9.5 cents to \$6.48 per bushel and soybeans fell 1.75 cents to finish at \$12.5975 per bushel. □

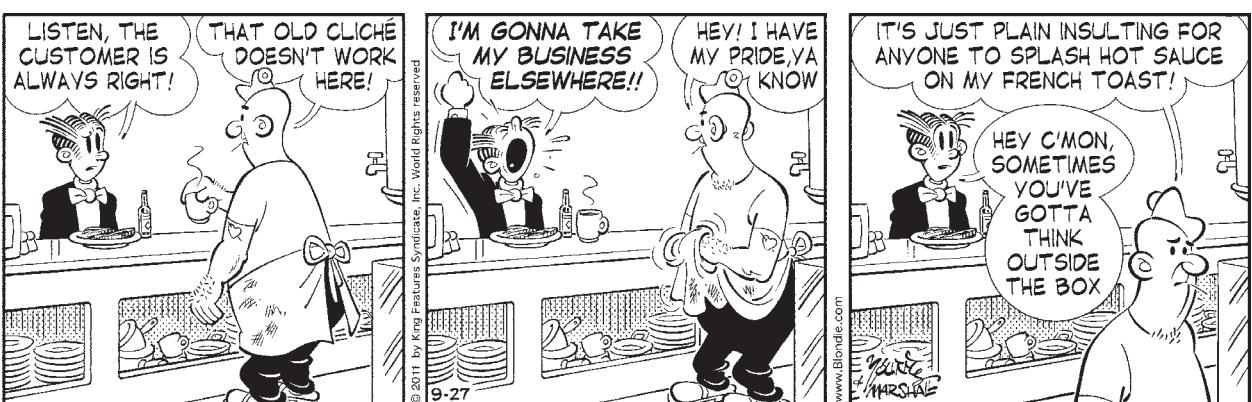
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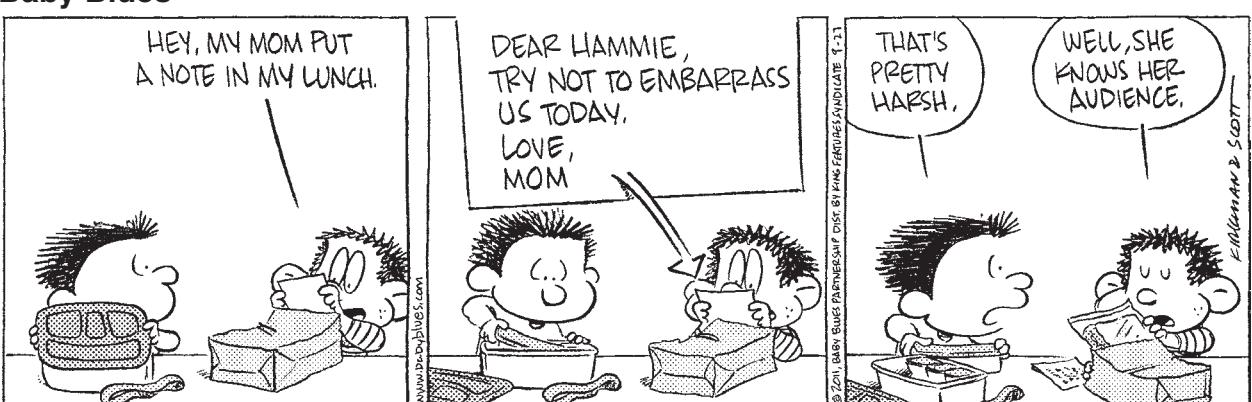
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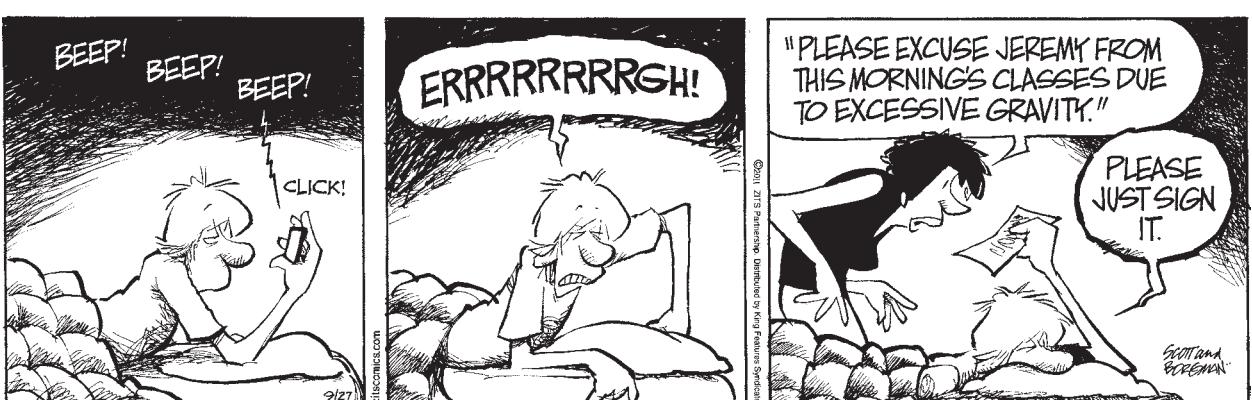
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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# Today In History

Tuesday, September 27  
The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, September 27, the 270th day of 2011.

There are 95 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1540 - Pope Paul approves Ignatius of Loyola's proposal to create the Society of Jesus, or Jesuit Order.

1601 - Force of 3,000 Spaniards lands at Kinsale, Ireland, to support rebel Earl of Tyrone.

1779 - American John Adams is named to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

1825 - George Stephenson drives the steam locomotive he designed on the opening run of the first passenger railway, from Stockton to Darlington, England.

1923 - Martial law is declared in Germany.

1928 - The United States agrees to recognize the Nationalist Chinese government.

1939 - Warsaw surrenders to Germans after 19 days of resistance in World War II.

1940 - Germany, Italy and Japan sign 10-year military and economic pacts, setting up Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis.

1945 - Congress Party and Muslim League win most seats in elections for India's Central Legislative Assembly.

1951 - The West German Bundestag pledges restitution to Jews for crimes perpetrated by the Nazis. No exact amount was decided, but West Germany will repay about \$600 million in goods.

1955 - Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser announces that Czechoslovakia has signed a barter agreement to exchange arms in return for Egyptian cotton.

1959 - Typhoon batters Japanese island of Honshu, killing almost 5,000 people.

1962 - Army stages coup in Yemen, and Colonel Abdulla el-Sallah becomes premier.

1968 - France bars Britain's entry into European Com-



Today is Gwyneth Paltrow's birthday

mon Market.

1970 - Jordan's King Hussein and Al Fatah guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat meet in Cairo with 10 Arab chiefs of state and sign agreement ending civil war in Jordan.

1975 - Spanish authorities execute five convicted terrorists, members of the Revolutionary Anti-Fascist and Patriotic Front and Basque separatist movement, provoking angry protests in the Basque Provinces.

1982 - Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin formally requests a probe into the hundreds of Palestinians massacred in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps

in west Beirut.

1990 - Britain and Iran restore diplomatic relations. Ties had been broken off in March 1989 after the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a death sentence against writer Salman Rushdie.

1991 - A team of 44 U.N. inspectors detained by Iraq are freed after being surrounded in their vehicles for four days.

1992 - A Nigerian military-transport plane crashes shortly after taking off from Lagos, killing all 163 people on board.

1993 - The U.N. Security Council bans sales of arms and fuel to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) because the rebel movement failed to stop fighting the government and renegotiate a 1991 peace settlement to end the country's civil war.

1994 - American soldiers take over the Haitian parliament as they continue to spread out over the country.

1995 - The three rivals for control of Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs, Croats and the Moslem-dominated Bosnian government — reach an agreement to establish a collective presidency and parliament in Bosnia.

1996 - Islamist Taliban rebels seize control of Kabul and quickly hang former president Najibullah. □

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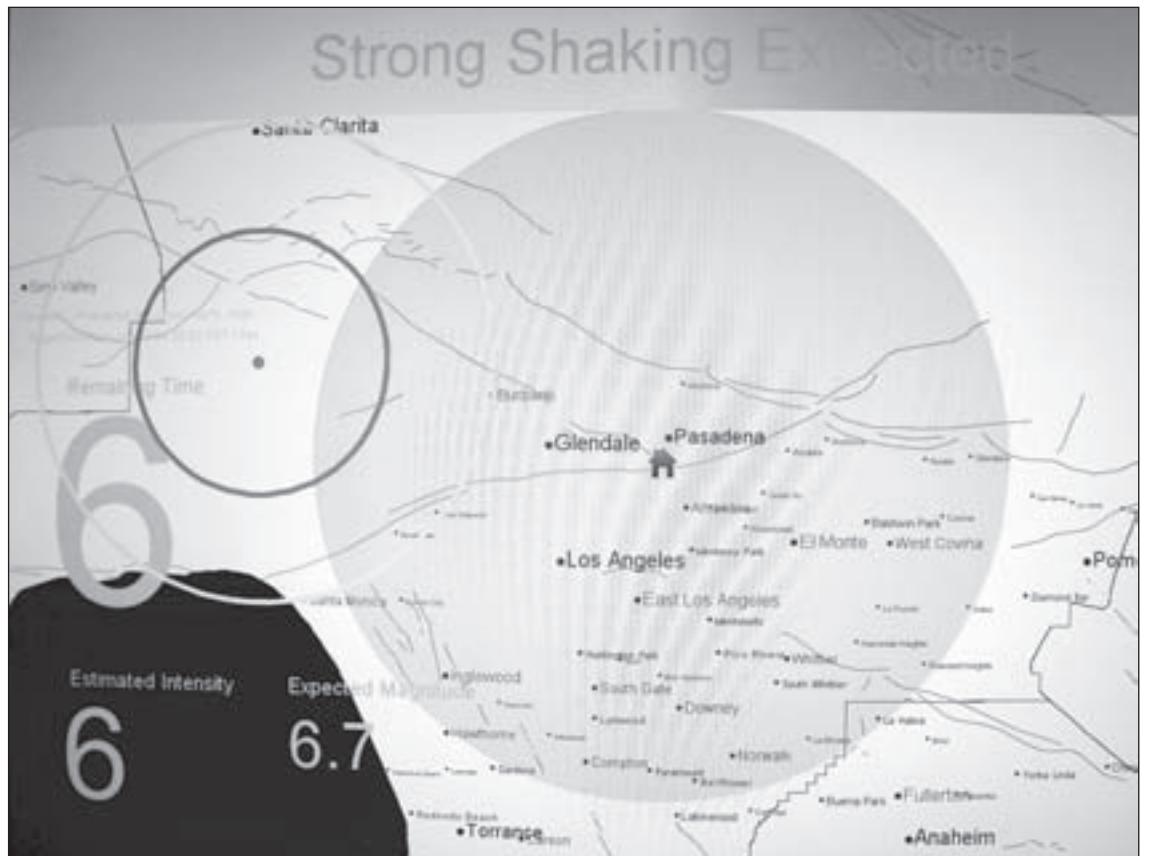
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# U.S. quake project aimed to ID future hotspots



This Sept. 13, 2011 photo shows a demonstration of an early earthquake warning system at the California Institution of Technology in Pasadena, Calif. This computer model displays a replication of the 6.7 magnitude Northridge Earthquake of 1994.

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP) —** In the ongoing quest to better anticipate future earthquakes, scientists embarked on an ambitious experiment: identify the likeliest places where magnitude-4.9 quakes or stronger would occur in seismically active California over a five-year period. Half a dozen teams decided to give it a shot. They developed sophisticated computer models, submitted their best

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# Archie's 70th looks at cancer, help for families

By MATT MOORE  
Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — For families of ill children, a night or two or even more at the Ronald McDonald House is one way to help focus on their ailing kids without having to shoulder the burden of hotel costs. It's a lesson that the gang in Riverdale — including Archie, Veronica, Jughead and others — will learn firsthand this week.

The national network of homes, which provides free or inexpensive lodging for families near hospitals, is making an appearance in the issue of "Archie Comics" being released Wednesday.

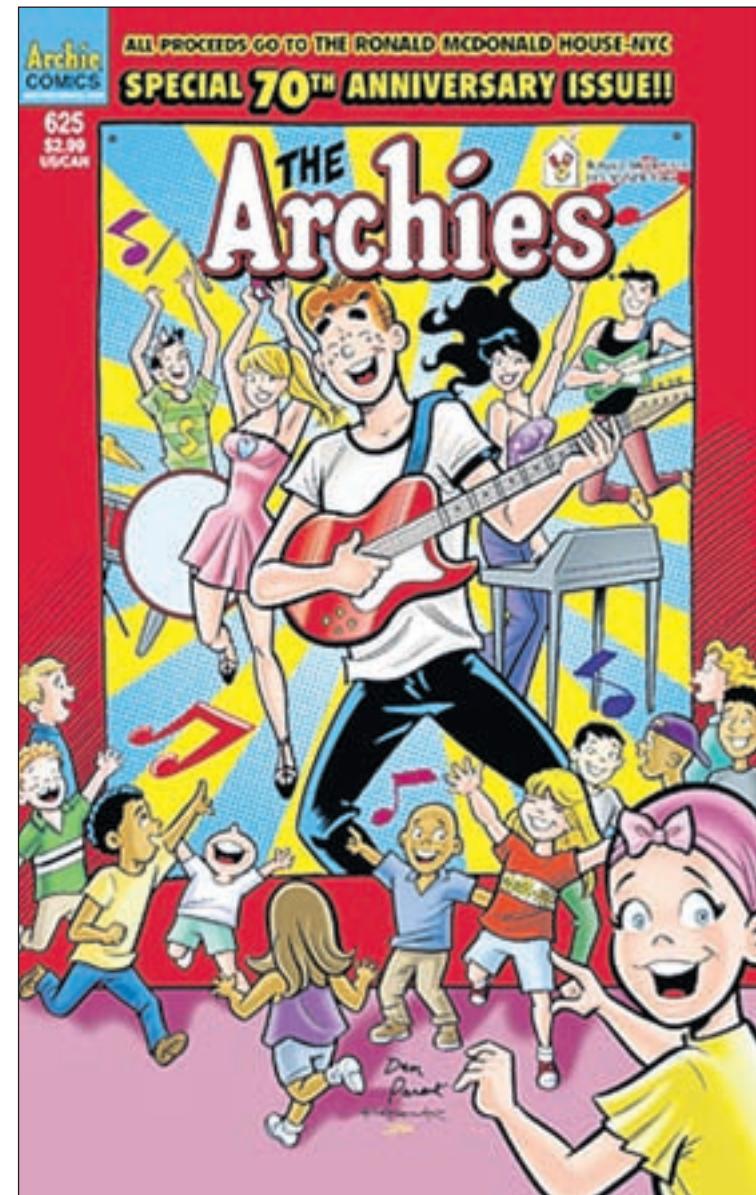
In the 70th anniversary issue, No. 625, the kids at Riverdale High School find out that the younger sister of one of their fellow students is seriously ill with cancer and has to spend time

in the hospital. The gang chips in to help to get the family to the Ronald McDonald House New York. That realization sparks an epiphany for Archie and the others who, in turn, visit the house in New York City and volunteer their time and service, playing musical instruments, talking to kids and families and helping make things easier for those who are living there.

"Just because we've been, in a certain sense, a little insulated from the events of the real world, when we venture out or support or get behind something, it's like the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval," said Jon Goldwater, co-chief executive of Archie Comics. "That makes things good for that person or that cause."

Dealing with cancer, and the help that Ronald McDonald House provides, fits

that meter, he said. The company's writers and artists ventured to the New York City house to meet not the children, their families who stay there and the staff. They painted the stairwells with a mural of Archie characters and a massive picture of the Riverdale gang, which now hangs in the house's playroom. From there, Goldwater said the decision was made to focus on the house, not just in New York, but nationally. Goldwater said Archie is "giving 100 percent of the profits" from the issue to the New York Ronald McDonald House, too. That struck a chord with William T. Sullivan, president and CEO of the Ronald McDonald House New York. He said that by having Shirl's sister come and stay at the actual house, "it kind of makes it all the more real" and gets the word out



## Colin Powell leadership book due out in 2012



In this photo released by CBS, Former Secretary of State General Colin Powell, speaks on CBS's "Face the Nation" in Washington Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Colin Powell's new book is a story of success.

The retired four-star general and former Secretary of State has a deal with HarperCollins for "It Worked for Me: Lessons in Leadership and Life."

According to HarperCollins, the book will include his 13 rules of leadership and "revealing personal stories."

Financial terms were not disclosed.

HarperCollins announced Sunday that the book was scheduled for May 2012. One of Powell's rules, "Get mad, then get over it," will be tested in his book. HarperCollins spokeswoman Tina Andreadis declined to comment on whether Powell would respond to criticisms in recent memoirs by former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld or former Vice President Dick Cheney, both of whom Powell often clashed with while in President George W. Bush's administration. □

about the house to people who may not otherwise be aware.

For Dan Parent, who drew the issue, it's an achievement.

"Working on this issue was special on a number of levels — the Ronald McDonald

House is a very important charity and Archie has always been a huge supporter, so it was an honor to bring that relationship to life," he said. "Plus, it's Archie's 70th Anniversary Issue. It doesn't get cooler than that." □

## Sarah Palin's attorney threatens lawsuit over book

By BECKY BOHRER  
Associated Press

**JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)** — An attorney for Sarah Palin is threatening to sue over a new book that he says defamed the Palins and contains "a series of lies and rumors."

John Tiemessen, in a letter to the publisher of Crown Publishing Group Monday, cites an email that author Joe McGinniss allegedly sent a blogger in January seeking substantiation for several rumors that have surrounded Palin's family. That email was posted online last week by Andrew Breitbart.

Tiemessen says McGinniss' book, "The Rogue: Searching for the Real Sarah Palin," contains "most of" the stories that merely "amounted to the wishful fantasies of disturbed individuals."

Emails to Crown Publishing and McGinniss, sent after hours, weren't immediately returned.

McGinniss lived next door to the Palins last year while researching the book. It was released last week. □

# Charlie Sheen, studio settle lawsuit over 'Men' firing

ANTHONY McCARTNEY  
AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The studio that fired former "Two and a Half Men" star Charlie Sheen said Monday it has struck a deal with the actor to end their legal dispute.

Warner Bros. Television released a statement saying that Sheen's lawsuit against the studio and series executive producer Chuck Lorre has been settled "to the parties' satisfaction." The statement said terms of the settlement are confidential. Sheen had filed a \$100 million lawsuit for wrongful termination against Warner after his firing last March. His attorney, Marty Singer, had said much of that amount was the actor's share of DVD, syndication and other profits that the studio was withholding.

At the time, Sheen was the highest-paid actor in television, with a per-episode salary reported to be between \$1.2 million to \$2 million. His exit cut short the CBS comedy's season.

By then, Sheen had been on a media blitz for weeks, using catchphrases such as "Tiger Blood" and "winning" and describing himself as a warlock.



Charlie Sheen presents the award for outstanding lead actor in a comedy series at the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011 in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

The case never became the forum for Sheen's grievances that the actor said he was seeking — most of the court proceedings centered on whether the dispute should be heard through private arbitration, as called for in the actor's contract. A judge determined that the case should be moved to arbitration in June and attorneys had been working through that process. Sheen has distanced himself from his previous outlandish behavior in recent weeks and has acknowledged he was at least partly responsible for his ouster from television's top-rated comedy.

"It was bad," Sheen told

"Tonight Show" host Jay Leno, "and I own my part in that, and I just want to make everything right." Appearing last week at the Emmy Awards as a presenter, he addressed the "Two and a Half Men" cast and crew, saying, "I wish you nothing but the best for this upcoming season."

"Men" returned to the air last week with Ashton Kutcher joining the cast as a new character. He plays an Internet billionaire who decides to buy the house that had been owned by Sheen's now-deceased character.

Calls to attorneys for Sheen and Lorre were not immediately returned. □



In this Jan. 22, 2011 file photo, Colombian singer, songwriter, musician, Shakira arrives at the Cannes festival palace, to take part in the NRJ Music awards ceremony, in Cannes, southeastern France.

Associated Press

## Shakira named Latin Grammys person of year

**MIAMI (AP)** — Shakira is the 2011 Latin Recording Academy person of the year.

The Colombian singer and seven-time Latin Grammy winner will be honored Nov. 9 at the 12th annual Tribute Gala in Las Vegas for her artistic and philanthropic contributions. Friends and notable artists will salute her with their own versions of her songs during the gala.

Shakira is up for three awards, including album of the year, a day later at the Latin Grammys. The show will be broadcast live on the Univision Network. □

## Songwriter, gospel singer Jessy Dixon dies at 73

HERBERT G. McCANN  
Associated Press

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Singer and songwriter Jessy Dixon, whose extensive travels helped popularize gospel music outside the United States, died Monday. He was 73.

Miriam Dixon said her brother died Monday morning at his Chicago home. She said he had been sick but declined to provide additional details.

During a more than 50-year career, Dixon wrote songs for several popular singers, including jazz and rhythm and blues singer Randy Crawford. He later wrote songs performed by Cher,

Diana Ross, Natalie Cole and Amy Grant.

But it was for his gospel singing — religious music that combined the rhythmic beat of blues, jazz and soul — that Dixon first gained attention. It was during an appearance at the Newport Jazz Festival in 1972 with his Jessy Dixon Singers that Dixon first came to pop singer Paul Simon's attention. For the next eight years, Dixon toured with the pop icon, collaborating on Simon's "Live Rhymin' Simon" and "Still Crazy" albums.

Dixon also played keyboard with Earth Wind and Fire and guitarist Phillip Upchurch.



In this May 23, 2007 file photo, Jessy Dixon, left, performs with Yolanda Adams in Washington. Dixon, whose extensive travels helped popularize gospel music outside the United States, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2011 at his home in Chicago. He was 73.

Associated Press

Dixon, who began studying music at age 5, aspired to be classical pianist but told The Associated Press in a 1997 interview that he always knew his talent was destined for use in the church.

Born March 12, 1938, in San Antonio, Dixon's professional compass was set by gos-

pel music legend James Cleveland, who heard Dixon's teen group perform at a theatre in the south Texas city. Dixon said Cleveland liked the group, but he liked Dixon more and persuaded him to move to Chicago to join his group, the Gospel Chimes, as both a singer and pianist. □



In this Jan. 25, 2011 file photo, Dr. Conrad Murray, singer Michael Jackson's personal physician, appears in Los Angeles Superior Court where Murray pleaded not guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the pop star's 2009 death.

Associated Press

had only committed to 10 shows. By the time of his death, the singer had been committed to 50 shows at London's O2 arena.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor ruled the March 2009 press conference wasn't relevant to the involuntary manslaughter case against Murray, which will focus on the pop superstar's final weeks and hours. Defense attorney Nareg Gourjian said that according to promoters of the shows, Jackson's press conference was delayed 90 minutes because the singer was passed out and appeared to be "hung over." □

# Fed up with the author of 'Fed Up'?



his house?

Romney used his new sarcasm on President Barack Obama, too, claiming the Democrat takes his inspiration from the "socialist democrats" in Europe. "Guess what?" Romney said. "Europe isn't working in Europe. It's not going to work here."

He also poked the president on jobs: "I happen to believe that to create jobs it helps to have had a job, and I have."

Those are strong words from a candidate whose liability is that he made a living eliminating jobs.

In any other economy, working at Bain would be a bane to Romney's presidential craving because it's hard to trust a flip-flopper who's a company flipper. Romney himself has used the phrase "creative destruction" to describe what his former private equity firm, Bain Capital, excelled at: buying companies, restructuring and downsizing, and selling them for a profit.

As Howard Anderson of MIT told The Washington Post's Karen Tumulty: "Private equity is a little like sex. When it's good, it's very, very good. When it's bad, it's still pretty good."

In "Pretty Woman," Richard Gere played a financial shark who downsized companies; he wore expensive suits, went to polo matches and drove an expensive sports car. (No dog or hooker tied to the roof.) Romney, by contrast, is trying to downplay his downsizing fortune and his upgrading of his snazzy La Jolla beach house.

He makes sure everyone knows about his Carl's Jr. jalapeno chicken sandwiches and his Jet Blue middle seats. And he pushes the regular-guy image in tweets: "Great deep-dish at (AT)ginoseast"; "Just got a Trim at Tommy's in Atlanta"; "Thanks (AT)subwayfreshbuzz for breakfast. Better than the usual campaign diet of morning donuts"; "Thanks to the great (AT) SouthwestAir crew for an easy flight." On Friday, his adviser Ron Kaufman tweeted a picture of the candidate in an airport terminal with his laptop on his lap, presumably tweeting more encomia to fast-food emporia.

Just as George Bush the elder, a Yale, used to mock Michael Dukakis as part of the "Harvard boutique," Willard Mitt Romney, a Harvard alum, in a speech in Florida on Thursday, mocked Obama as an elitist who hung out in the "Harvard faculty lounge."

For now, Romney is effectively using Perry as a whipping boy on issues that matter to conservatives, like illegal immigration. And when Perry attacks Romney as "Obama lite," he could be doing Mitt a favor by reminding independents and Democrats that the Stormin' Mormon is a pseudo-conservative whom they can abide.

Authenticity can be overrated, especially in a rabid conservative. □

## MAUREEN DOWD

In a flash, Rick Perry has gone from Republican front-runner to cycling domestique, riding in front of the pack and taking all the wind – or in this case, hot air – to allow the team leader to pedal in the slipstream.

In the debate Thursday night in Florida, as Perry grew more Pinteresque, lapsing into long, paralyzed pauses, Mitt Romney grew less statuesque, breaking his marble mold and showing a new sarcastic streak.

Romney unveiled his own version of Reagan's "There you go again," repeatedly blowing off Perry with a smile and a "Nice try." Slapping Perry for backtracking from his suggestion in his book "Fed Up!" that Social Security should be left up to states, Romney snidely noted, "There's a Rick Perry out there that's saying" that, "so you'd better find that Rick Perry and get him to stop saying that."

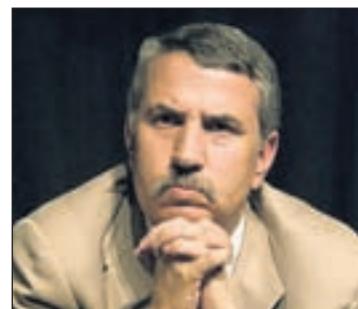
In the high school version of the 2008 Republican primary contest, Romney was regarded by John McCain and other contenders as the loathed hall monitor, prissy and hypocritical. It's not that he has gotten so much more popular or less plastic, though he has improved his performance. It's just that his rivals keep getting more implausible. The only reason Perry got in the race in the first place was that Republicans yearned for an alternative to Romney. (This weekend, they were drunk-texting Chris Christie.) But for now, Perry is proving to be Romney's best asset.

Asked the 3 a.m. question by a moderator, Bret Baier of Fox News, what would a President Perry do if he got a call saying Pakistan had lost control of its nuclear weapons to the Taliban, the Texas governor offered a Palinesque meditation on "the Pakistani country."

"Well, obviously, before you ever get to that point, you have to build a relationship in that region," he said. "And that's one of the things that this administration has not done. Just yesterday we found out through Admiral Mullen that Haqqani has been involved with – and that's the terrorist group directly associated with the Pakistani country – so to have a relationship with India, to make sure that India knows that they are an ally of the United States." But can he see the Taj Mahal from



## Help wanted: leadership



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

To Barack Obama, John Boehner, Harry Reid, Mitch McConnell, Nancy Pelosi and Eric Cantor, I just have two words of advice: Herbert Hoover.

I know you're all familiar with that name. Hoover lives in infamy in U.S. history for having been on duty when the Great Depression happened. You're all courting a similar fate. Your collective behavior is setting all of you up to be known as our generation's Herbert Hoovers – the leaders who were on duty when we entered our second great economic meltdown.

But unlike Hoover, who was just practicing the conventional economic wisdom of his day when we fell into the Depression, you have no excuses. We know what to do – a Grand Bargain: short-term stimulus to ease us through this deleveraging process, debt restructuring in the housing market and long-term budget-cutting to put our fiscal house in order. None of this is easy and the economy will not be fixed overnight; it will take years. But there is every chance it will get healed if our two parties construct the Grand Bargain we need.

But the more I read the papers the more I'm convinced that "we the people" are having an economic crisis and "you the politicians" are having an election – and there is frighteningly little overlap between the two. What's worse – both parties seem to have concluded lately that no compromise is possible and therefore their differences will just have to be settled by the 2012 election. No problem!

I'm sure our markets will be patient until the next president is in place in early 2013! And I am sure the European debt crisis will be happy to take the next year off. In fact, that must be why Republicans held another presidential debate on Thursday night and the European economic crisis and how it might affect us – and what we must do to insulate ourselves – merited no discussion.

Has our leadership lost its mind? Do these people go home on weekends to some offshore island, where everyone's retirement fund is doing fine, everyone's kids have jobs and no one's mortgage is under water? Where is the urgency? This is code red. We are facing a possible global financial contagion triggered by European banks choking with sovereign debt spreading their woes to an already weakened U.S. financial system.

President Barack Obama says that he tried to strike a Grand Bargain with Boehner on taxes and spending but that the speaker of the House backed off, when it became clear that he could not deliver his own caucus. Boehner says it was the president who undercut the deal, when he asked for more tax revenues than the two of them had already agreed upon. All I know is this: If either of you had been a real leader truly committed to a Grand Bargain – which you both know is what we need – you wouldn't have just walked away from your negotiations. You would have taken the issue to the country and not let up until the other guy came back to the table.

Instead you both mumbled publicly about a Grand Bargain and how you were prepared for it but the other guy folded – and then retreated to your bases. Boehner went back to his base, arguing that more tax cuts can get us out of this, and Obama moved back to his base, with his focus on taxing millionaires. (In my next life, I want to be a

member of the "base" – any base. They seem to have so much more fun and influence.) If the president really wants to lead from the front, he should summon the Democratic and Republican leadership, along with all 12 members of the House-Senate deficit "super-committee," to join him at Camp David and tell the world that they are not coming back without a Grand Bargain – one that offers some short-term jobs stimulus, a credible long-term debt reduction plan with entitlement cuts and tax reform that increases revenues.

We desperately need that for two reasons: We need to do our part in leading the world out of this crisis by stabilizing our own economy. And we need to show that we can still act collectively. The toxic paralysis in Washington is, in and of itself, slowing growth. It is keeping a black cloud over the center of the country and creating a sour mood wherein people just want to hold on to what they have. As one banker in Dallas put it to me: "Today, you only hire someone when you absolutely have to." Do I feel that Republicans have tried to make Obama fail from Day One? Yes, I do. And their dabbling with another government shutdown now is pure madness. But the president is not blameless. He walked away from his own Simpson-Bowles deficit reduction commission, which still could be the foundation for a sane Grand Bargain. Most important, Obama is in charge. He is going to be held most responsible by history for what happens and therefore he needs to take the lead in getting the leaders of both parties back to the Grand Bargaining table. If between now and November 2012 all we are going to have from our two parties is a death duel, not a Grand Bargain – Republicans blaming Obama for the bad economy and Obama running on how crazy the GOP has become – we will pay a very, very dear price. □



A model wears a creation part of the Gianfranco Ferre' women's Spring-Summer 2012 collection that was presented in Milan, Italy, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)



Models get ready in the backstage prior to the Giorgio Armani women's Spring-Summer 2012 fashion collection that was presented in Milan, Italy, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

# Milan fashion designers invest heavily in gold

COLLEEN BARRY

DANIELA PETROFF

Associated Press

**MILAN (AP)** — Milan fashion designers are investing heavily in gold, despite the recent, unexpected dip in gold prices.

Gold lame, golden sequins, golden embroidery and golden baubles figured prominently in styles for next spring and sum-

ARMANI

"A pearl of a lady" is how designer Giorgio Armani defined his summer 2012 woman. The ultra-feminine collection is created out of fabrics that have the iridescence of a precious pearl and the lightness of a feather.

Departing from the dress and skirt look proposed by



Models get ready in the backstage prior to the Giorgio Armani women's Spring-Summer 2012 fashion collection that was presented in Milan, Italy, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

mer during a week of Milan women's wear previews that ended Monday — as if to impart the Midas touch at a moment of economic uncertainty.

Perhaps it is not coincidental that the era most frequently evoked during Milan fashion week was the Roaring '20s, seen through its sequined and beaded drop-waisted flapper dresses.

The carefree, fun decade ended with the devastating 1929 stock market crash. The collective fashion response from Milan seemed to be: If we're all going down, let's at least look ladylike.

Styles on the Milan runways were decidedly mature, not girlish. There were proper leather handbags with handles or smart clutches.

most designers in Milan, Armani favors wafer-thin trousers delicately slit in the front. He pairs them with a jacket, cut on the bias and devoid of collar and buttons, or allows them to peep out from under a skirt or dress. Water is another theme of the collection with iridescent aquamarine and white silk for satin gowns with sequins, which sparkle on the outfit like a morning dew.

Dress hemlines range from knee to ankle, and are cut from ultra light-fabrics that caress rather than hug the body.

Mixing night and day, the designer paired his evening wear with flats, saving high heels for daytime dressing. For his finale, Armani sent out three models in identical see-through strapless

in the industry as the architect for his structured look. That meant deconstructed tops of panels fastened by a belt, cleanly cut halter-style dresses with a scarf that sweeps over the shoulder and asymmetrical blouses, half sleeveless and half long sleeve with a cut-out shoulder. The pair also presented evening dresses out of raffia that had a highly textured look.

The color palette was monochromatic, including white, nude, black and purple. Shoes were gold.

**ROBERTO CAVALLI**

For Roberto Cavalli, all that glitters is gold.

Golden sequins, lame, embroidery and plating set the tone for Cavalli's decidedly sexy collection for next summer. □